

# *Empirical Deck for Phased Construction & Widening*

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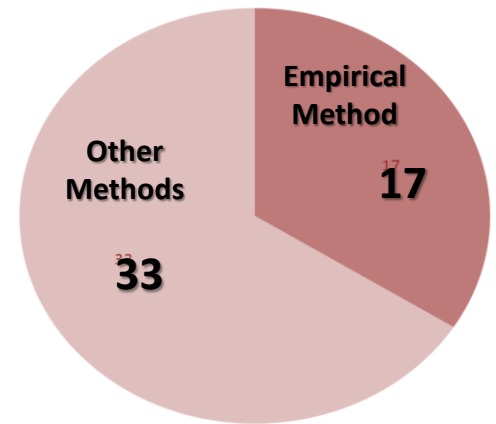
# Outline

- Introduction
- Background & Justification
- FE
- CONSPAN Design
- Mathcad model
- Experimental work (beams, formwork, steel, instrumentation, concrete, and testing)

# Introduction

The AASHTO-LRFD Specifications include two methods of deck design.

1. The first method is called the traditional design method (S4.6.2.1) and is typically referred to as the equivalent strip method.
2. The second is called the empirical design method (S9.7.2).



(Nielsen, et al., 2010)



# Justification for the proposed research

- All deck slabs are required to be designed according to AASHTO's Traditional Design Method (9.7.3). The traditional design method typically results in a higher ratio of steel than the empirical method in the final stage.
- Currently, the empirical design method for deck slabs as per AASHTO LRFD 9.7.2.4 is not allowed in Florida as per Structures Design Guidelines (SDG) 4.2.4. According to the SDG the empirical design method is not permitted because of the potential for future widening or phased construction and associated traffic control impact in order to comply with AASHTO LRFD 9.7.2.4. There is potential for cost savings if economical methods can be completed to ensure that the empirical design will work during phased construction and/or widening.



## **NYSDOT Bridge Manual**

5.1.5.1 Isotropic Decks The design of isotropic reinforced decks is based on empirical results that show reinforced concrete bridge decks develop an arching action between girders and fail in punching shear rather than flexure when subjected to loads that are significantly higher than factored design loads. Isotropic reinforced decks have lighter reinforcement than traditionally reinforced decks and use equal reinforcement transversely and longitudinally in both top and bottom mats. Reinforcement in deck overhangs is designed for flexure the same as for conventional decks.

The maximum center-to-center spacing of the girders is 11 ft. and the minimum spacing is 5 ft.

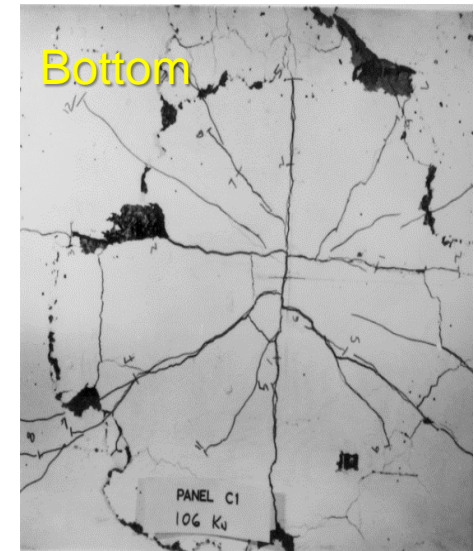
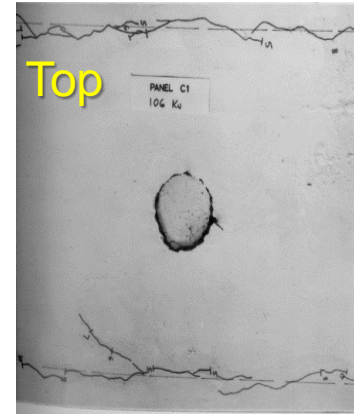
The minimum overhang, measured from the centerline of the fascia girder to the fascia, is 2'-6". If a concrete barrier composite with the deck is used, the minimum overhang is 2'-0".

# Arching or Compressive Membrane Action in RC slabs

## Punching Shear Failure

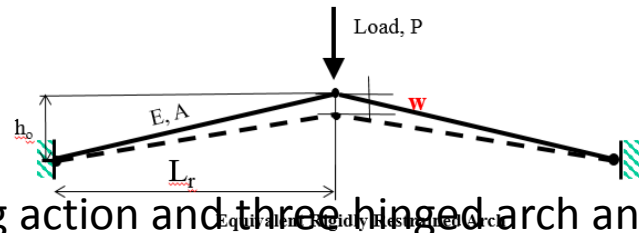
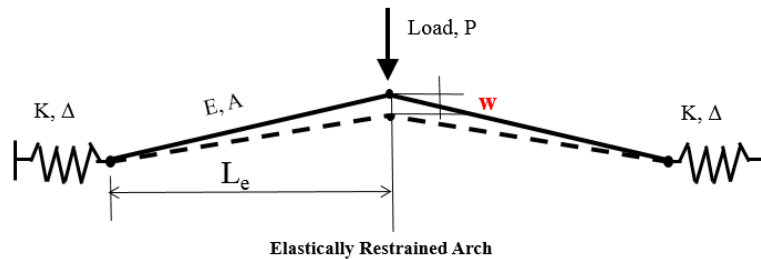
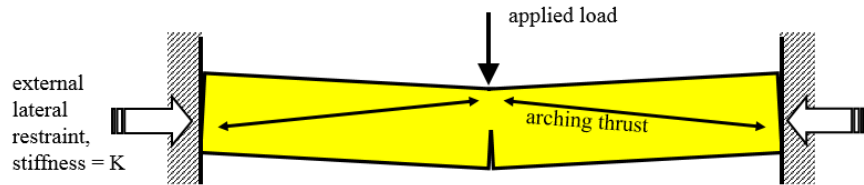
- Punching shear failure normally occurs in reinforced concrete slabs subjected to concentrated loads and particularly in concrete bridge decks due to development of an internal arching action within the system.
- The governing failure mode for concrete bridge decks is not flexure. The primary structural action by which these slabs resist concentrated wheel loads is not flexure but an internal membrane stress state referred to as internal arching.
- **Due to typical high rigidity of bridge girders and high thickness-to-span ratio of typical bridge deck slabs, the load mechanism developed into the slab creates an arch action rather than flexural behavior mechanism to resist the applied wheel loads.**
- The bottom reinforcements of the bridge deck slab act as ties for the arch action mechanism rather than flexural reinforcement for the positive moments
- Using flexural design method usually led to artificial high levels of steel reinforcement

Top surface crack pattern of punching failure zone in model bridge deck test (Kirkpatrick, 1982)

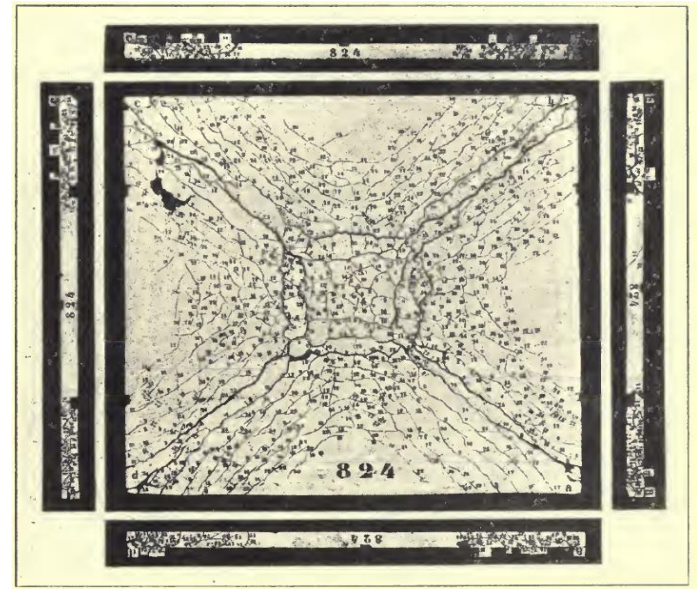


Bottom surface crack pattern of punching failure zone in model bridge deck test (Kirkpatrick, 1982)

# Arching or Compressive Membrane Action in RC slabs



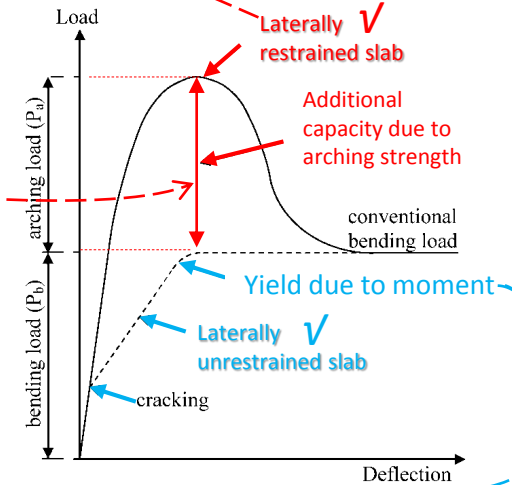
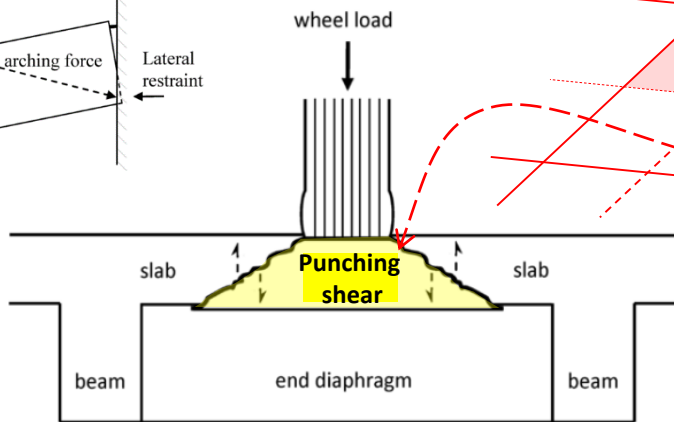
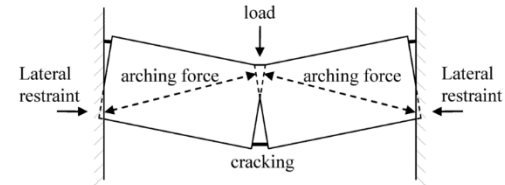
Arching action and three hinged arch analogy (Rankin 1982)



Bottom of square slab of 200 cm. span, tested by Bach and Graf

# Arching or Compressive Membrane Action in RC slabs

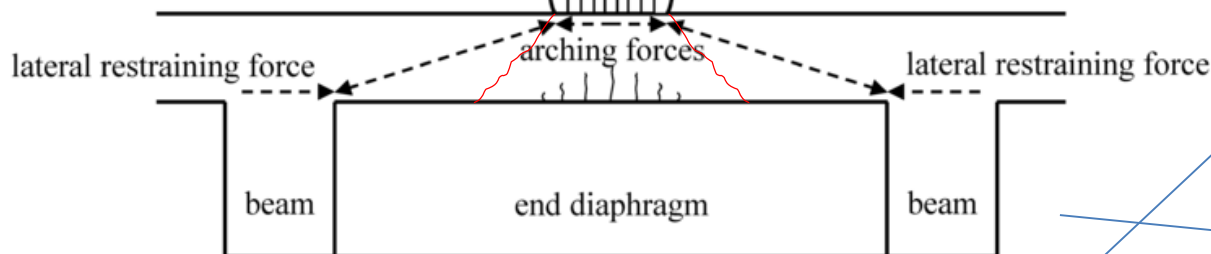
Idealization of arching action  
forces in laterally restrained slab



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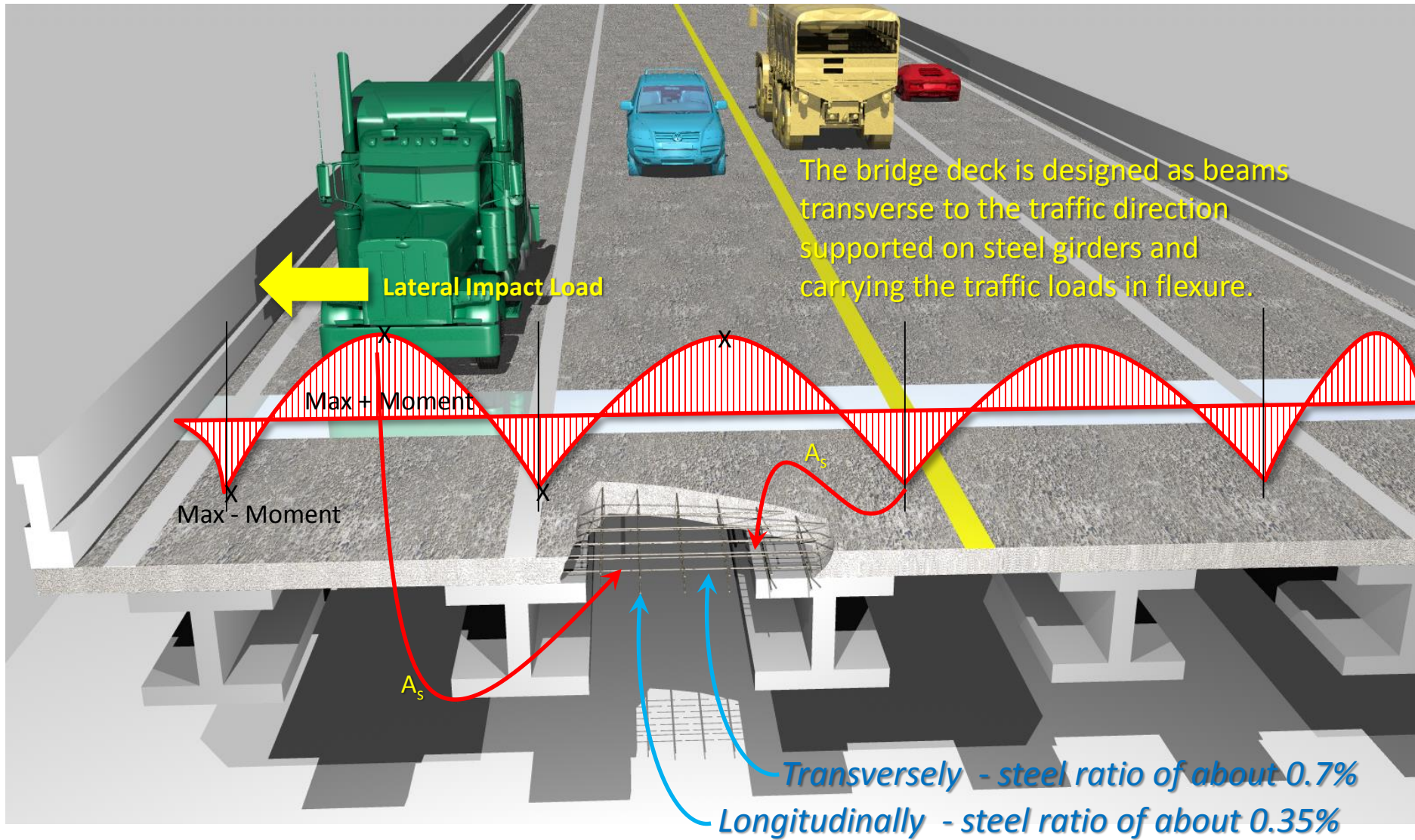
wheel load

Punching  
Shear  
Failure





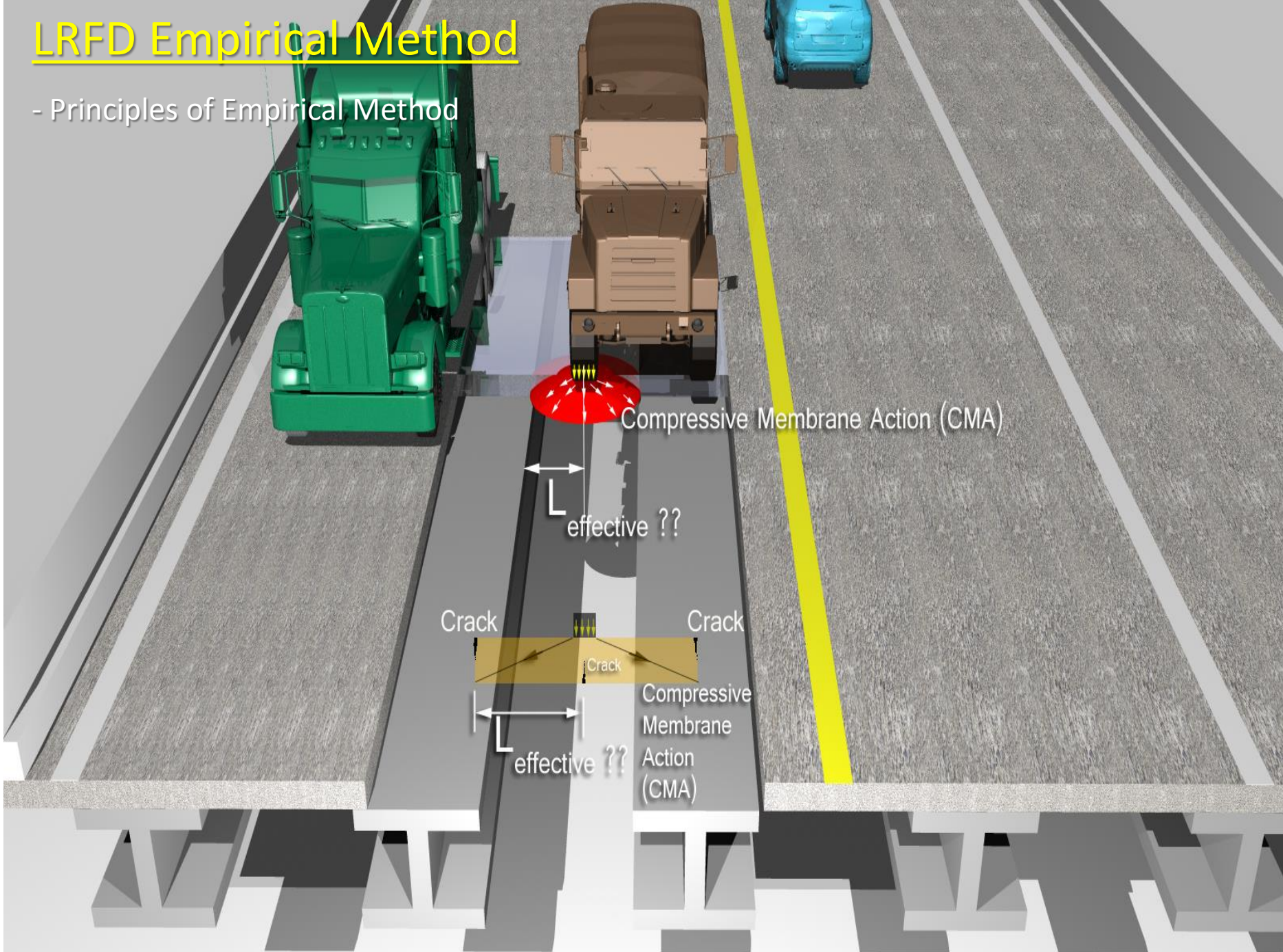
# LRFD Traditional Method (Equivalent Strip Method)





# LRFD Empirical Method

## - Principles of Empirical Method

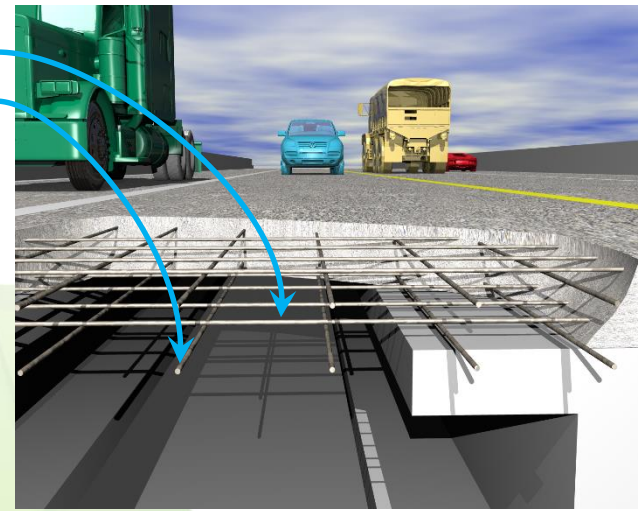
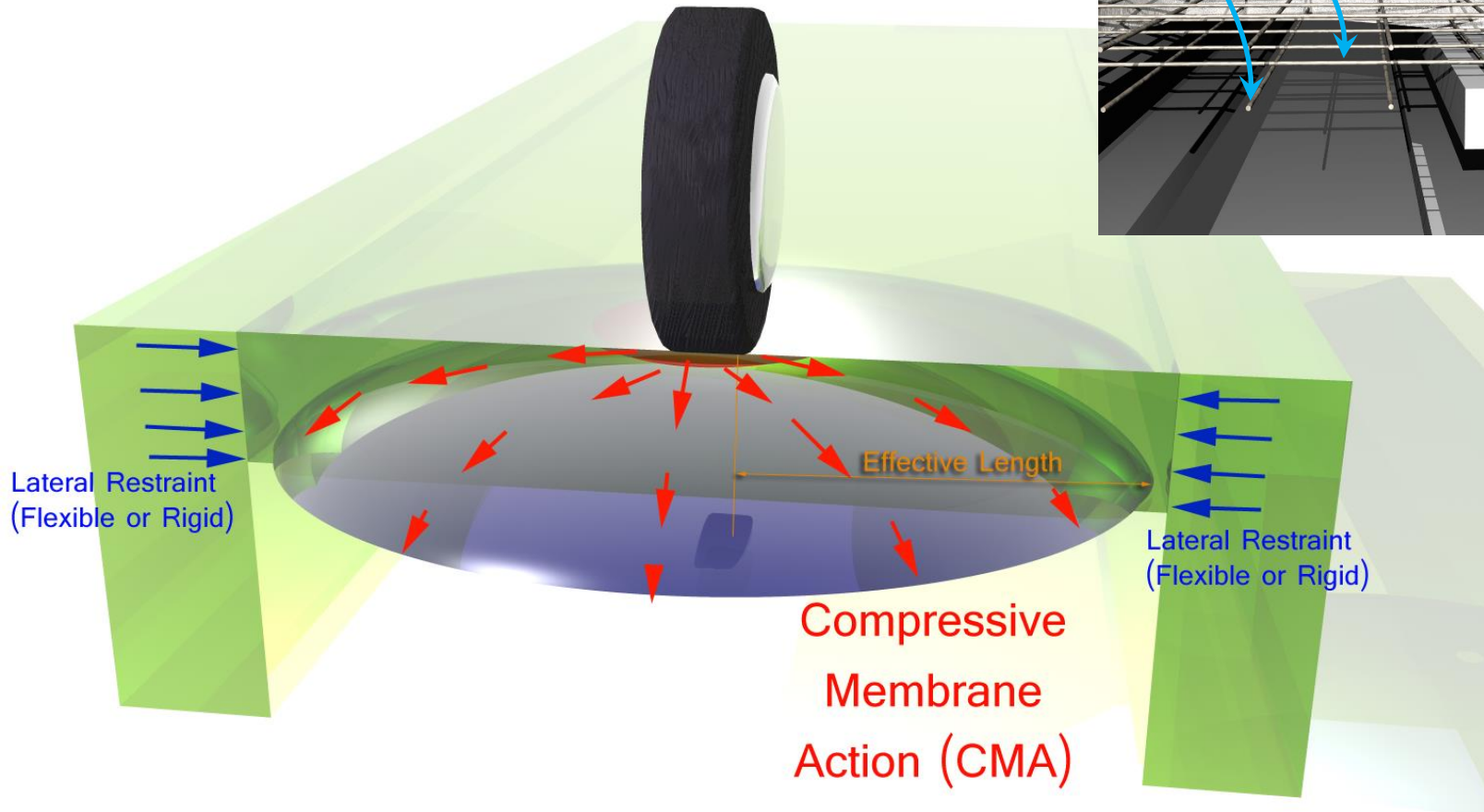


# LRFD Empirical Method

*Transversely - steel ratio of about 0.3%*

*Longitudinally - steel ratio of about 0.3%*

Isotropic Deck



## Wheel Load Transfer

The added strength gained from this “arching action” allows for a reduction in reinforcing steel requirements



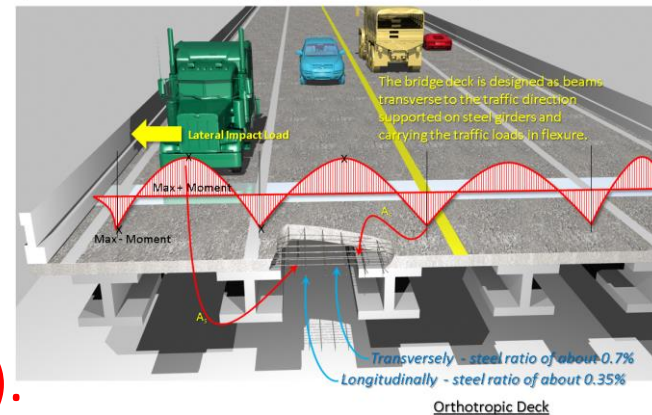
# Florida Requirements

❑ In Florida, all deck slabs are required to be designed according to

*AASHTO's Traditional Design Method (9.7.3).*

The traditional design method typically results in a higher ratio of steel than the empirical method in the final stage.

LRFD Traditional Method (Equivalent Strip Method)



FDOT Structures Design Guidelines  
4 - Superstructure - Concrete

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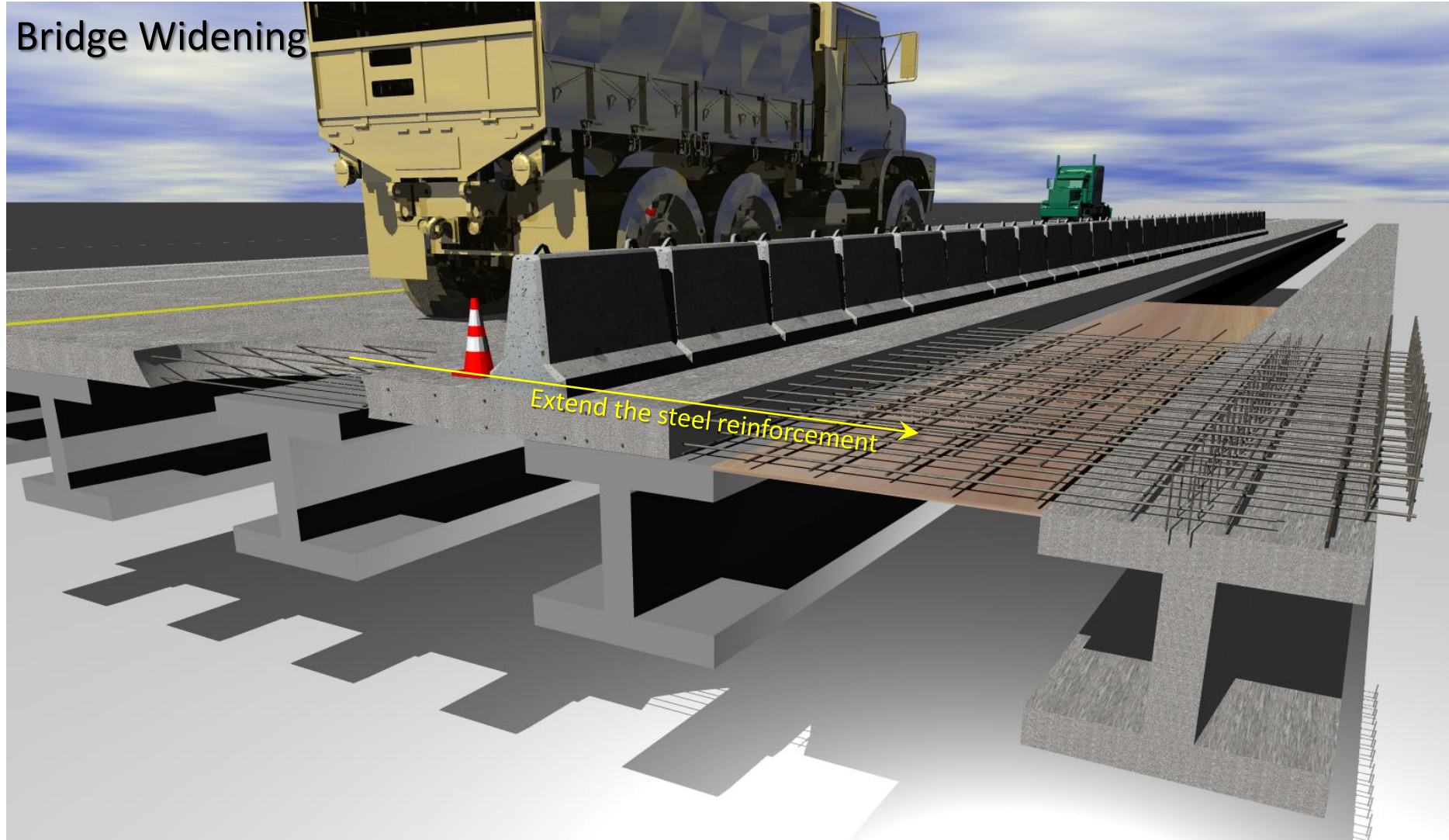
## ➔ 4.2.4 Deck Slab Design [9.7.2][9.7.3] (Rev. 01/10)

A. Empirical Design Method: The empirical design method per *LRFD* [9.7.2.4] is not permitted.

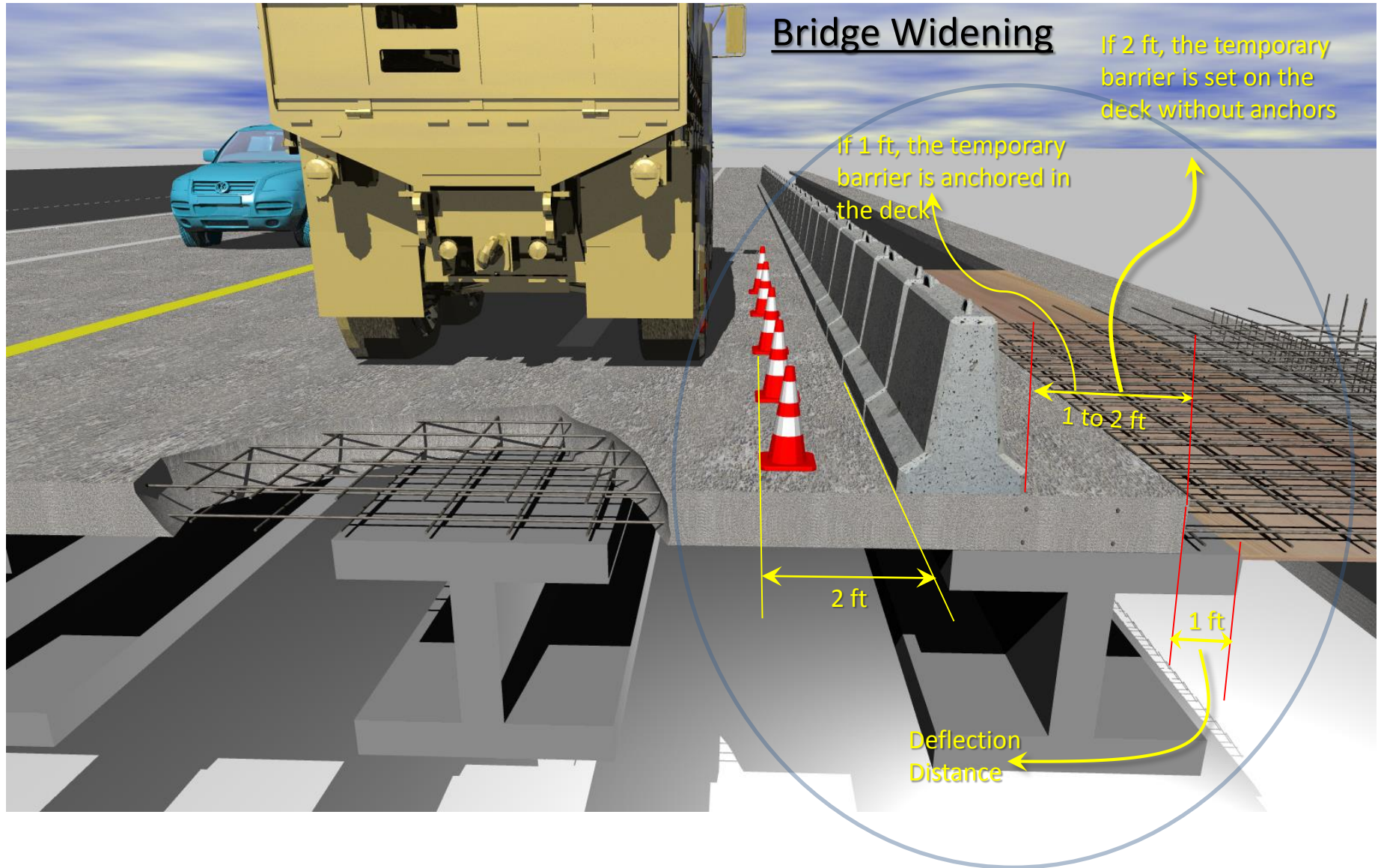
*Commentary: The empirical design method is not permitted because of the potential for future widening or phased construction and associated traffic control impacts in order to comply with *LRFD* [9.7.2.4].*



## Bridge Widening



# Potential for future widening or phased construction and associated traffic control impact



# States that do not use the Empirical Deck Design Method

The main reasons for not using the empirical design method are:

1. Do not use the empirical deck design method for bridges constructed in stages or subject to future widening (Florida).
  2. Empirical deck design method does not allow the use of precast prestressed deck panels (Missouri).
  3. Preference for the traditional AASHTO design methodology or other standard design used by the state (Pennsylvania).
  4. Larger girder spacing concerns (Tennessee).
  5. Lack of experience and data regarding bridge life span (comfort level) (Wisconsin).
  6. Concerns that a reduction in the deck reinforcing would result in a reduction of the service life of the deck (South Carolina).
1. Experienced increased longitudinal cracking in the deck. Other crack patterns similar to traditionally designed bridges (Iowa).
  1. Tried the empirical deck design method with a few bridges in the 1990's, did not like the results. Had issues with shrinkage cracking, no longer used (Oregon).





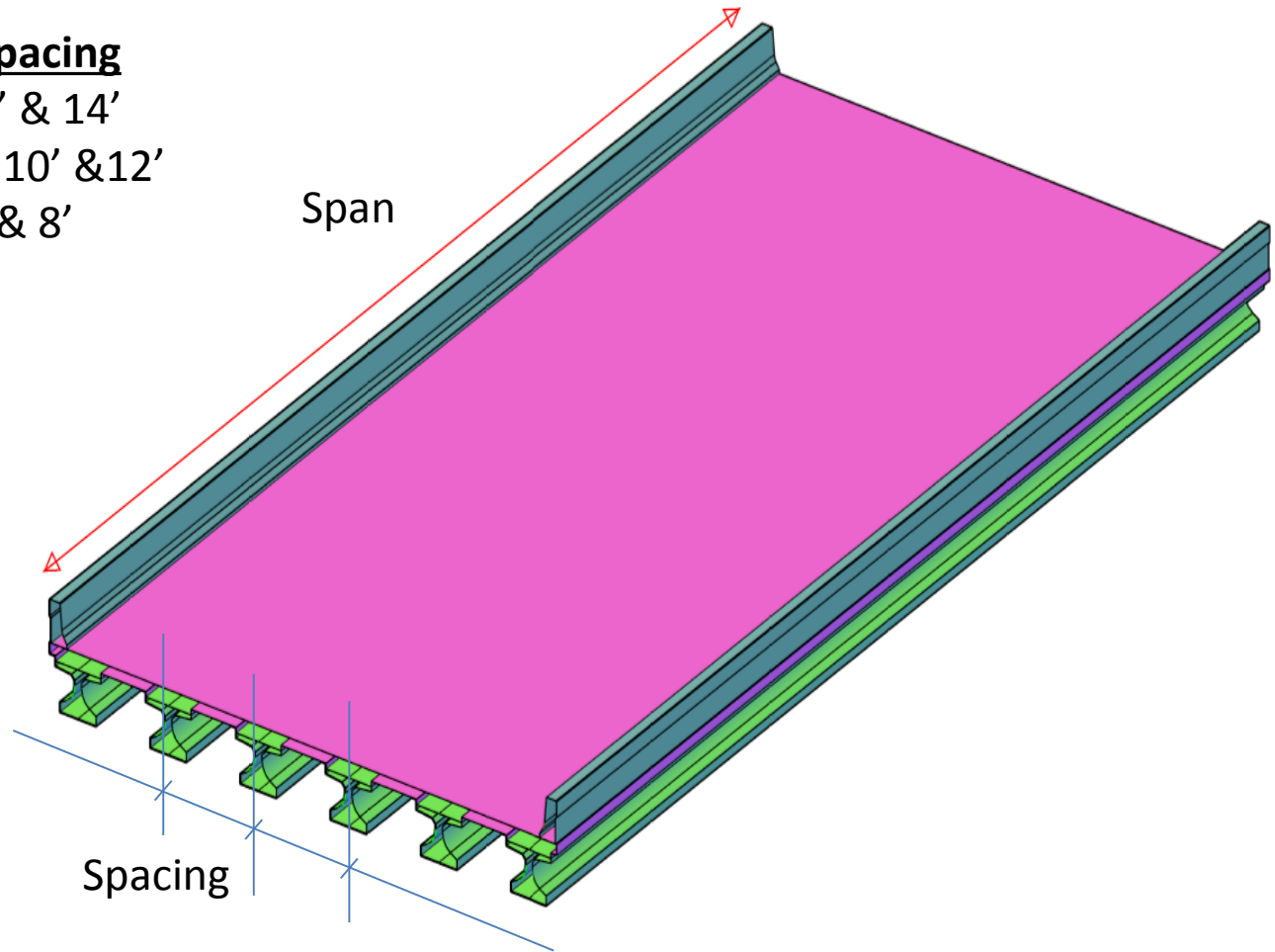
# 3-D Nonlinear FE Approach

## Spans

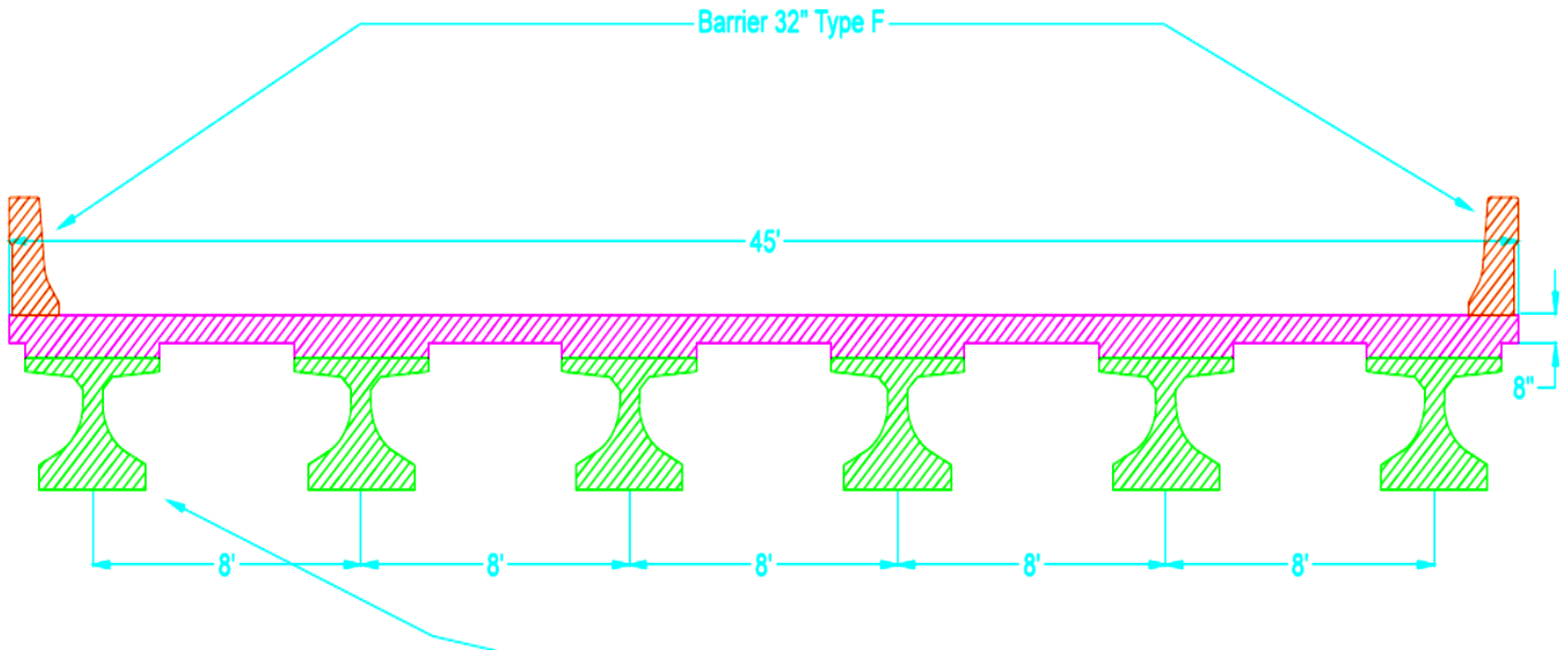
1- 80'  
2- 90'  
3- 100'

## Spacing

12' & 14'  
8', 10' & 12'  
6' & 8'



# Proposed FE Approach

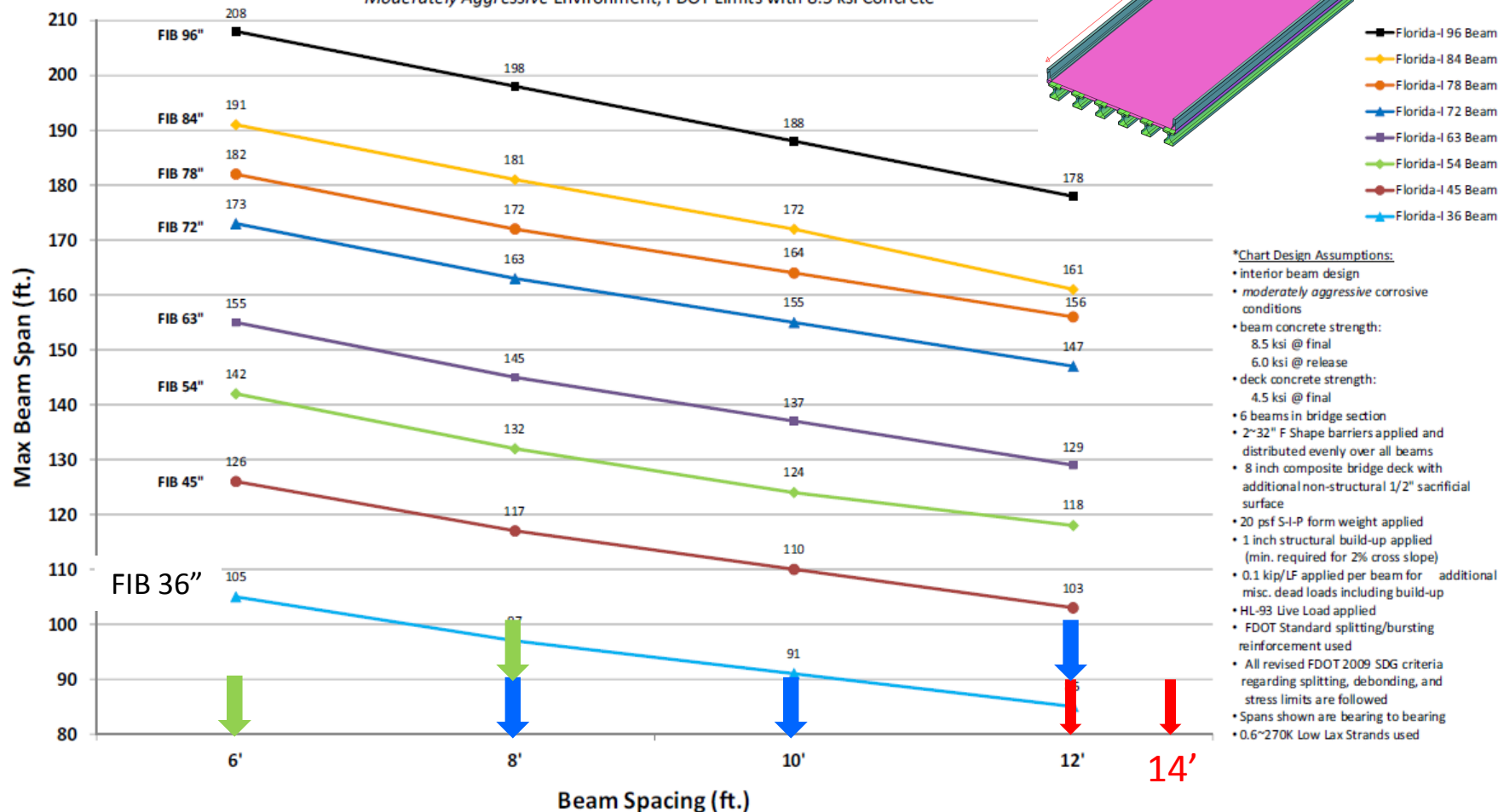


## Design Aids

↓ 80'x12' & 80'x14'
↓ 90'x8' & 90'x10' & 90'x12'
↓ 90'x8' & 90'x10' & 90'x12'

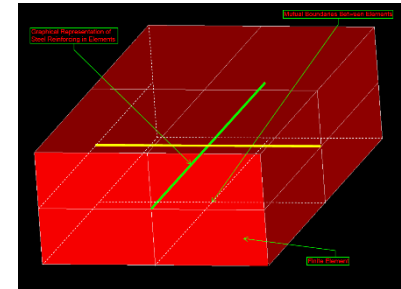
## Florida-I Beam Estimated Maximum Span Lengths

\*Moderately Aggressive Environment, FDOT Limits with 8.5 ksi Concrete

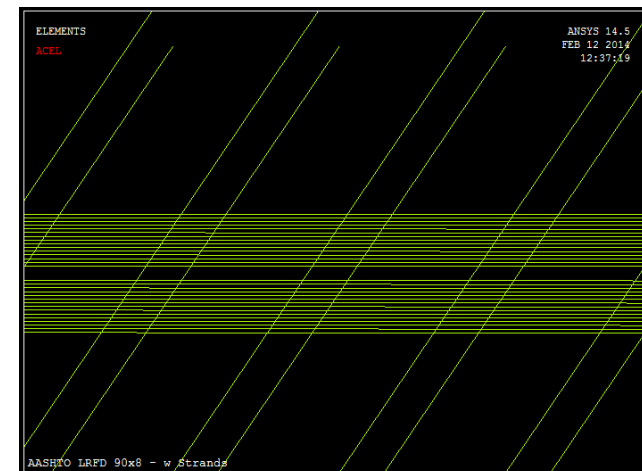


Steel Reinforcement is expressed in terms of  
1- real constants (Using Smeared Model) and  
2- links

## Smeared Model



## links

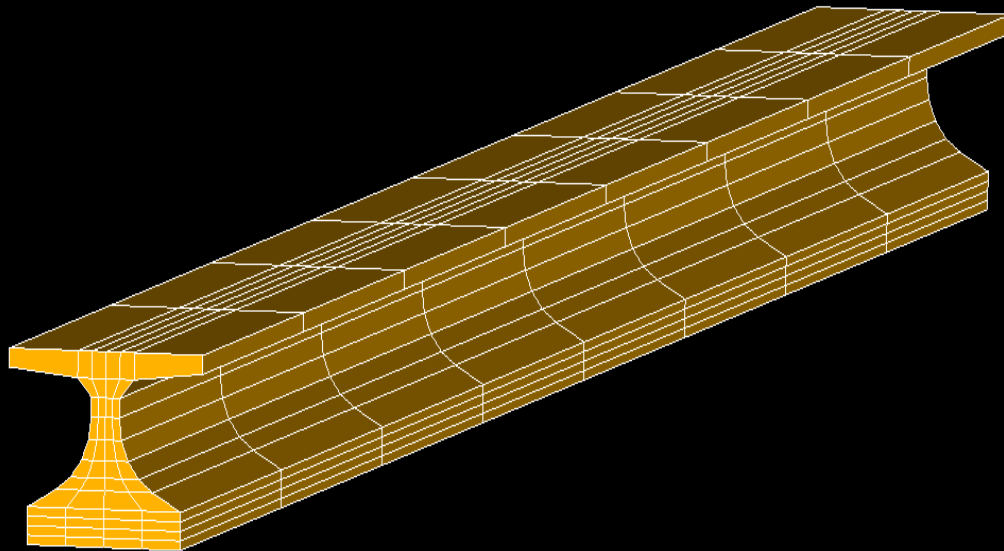


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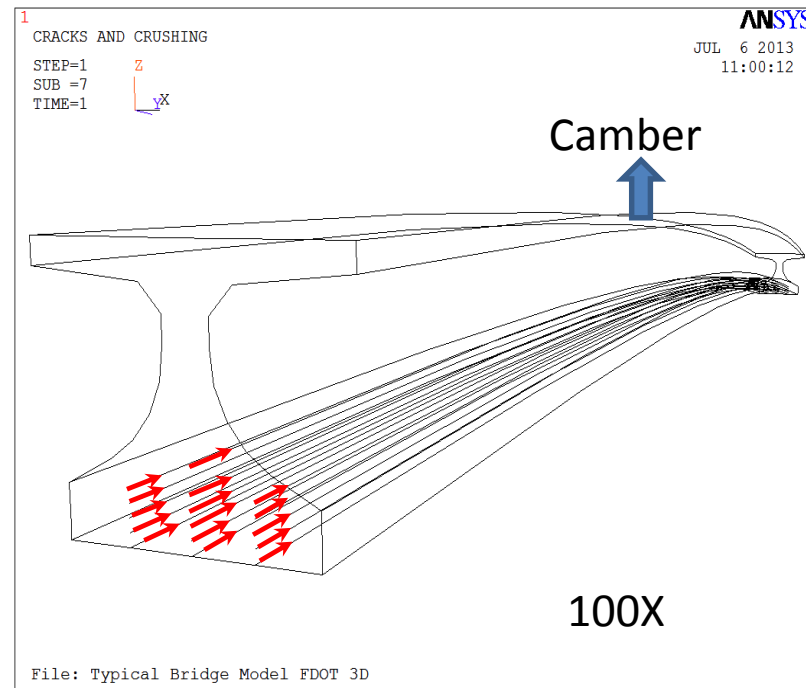
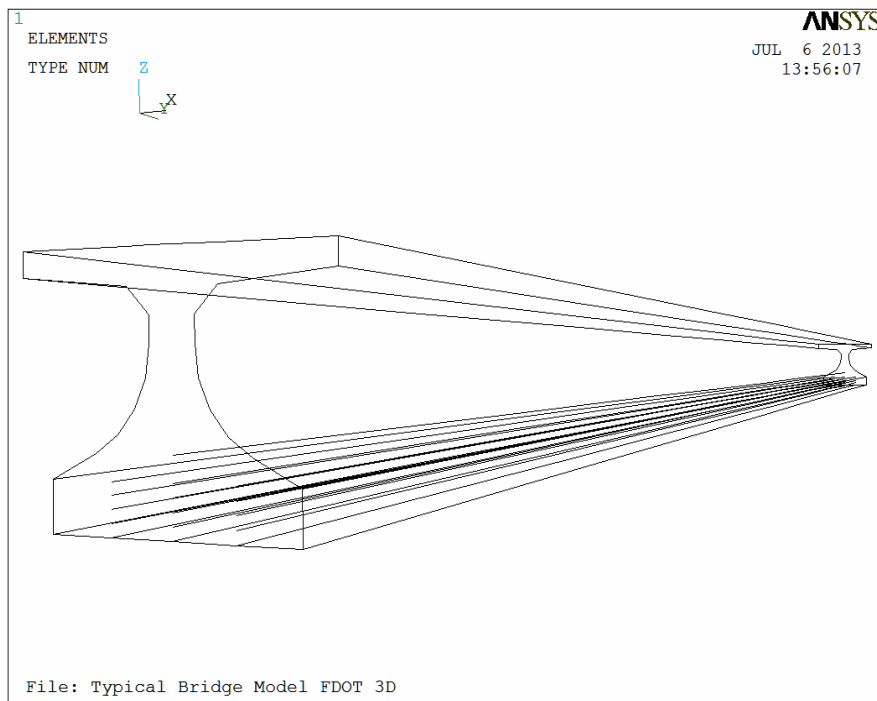
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File: Typical Bridge Model FDOT 3D

# Pre-tension Stresses



Instructions for Design Standards  
Index 20010 Series Prestressed Florida-I Beams (Rev. 01/12)

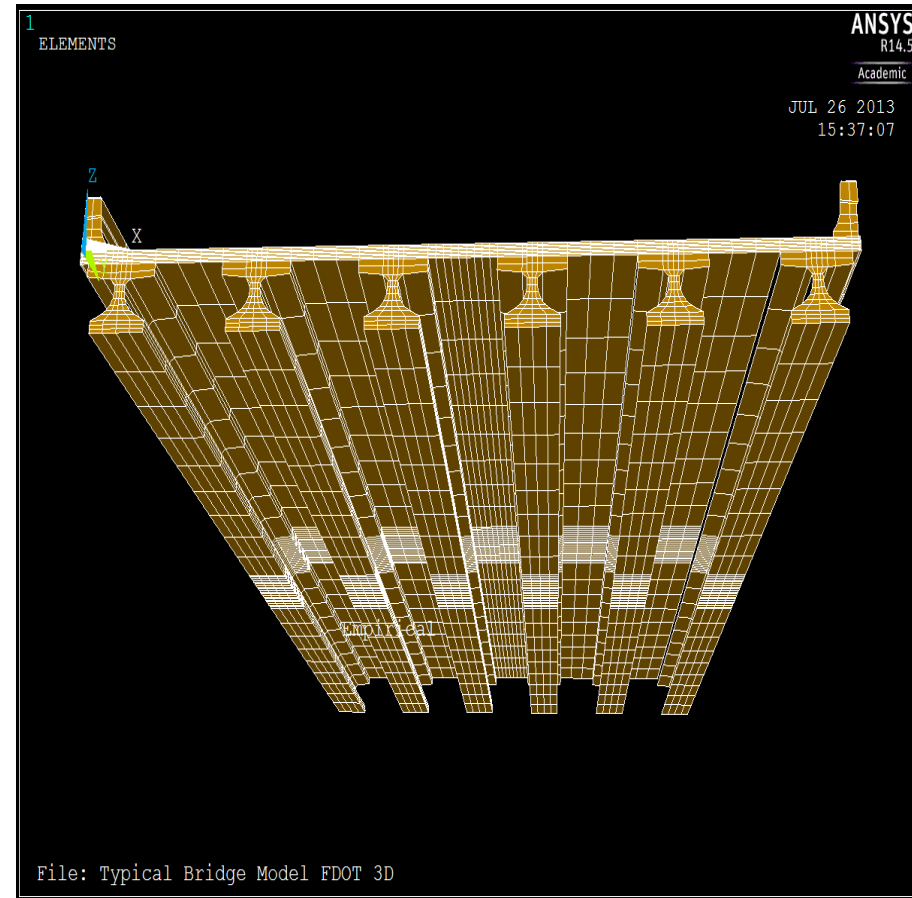
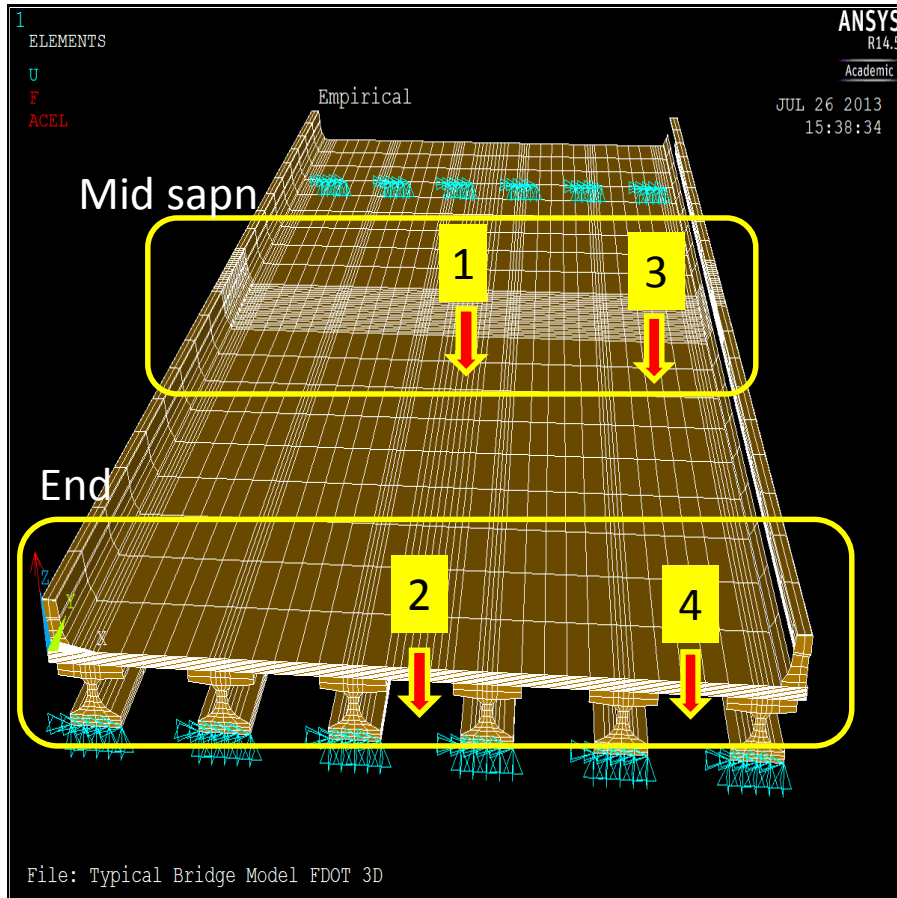
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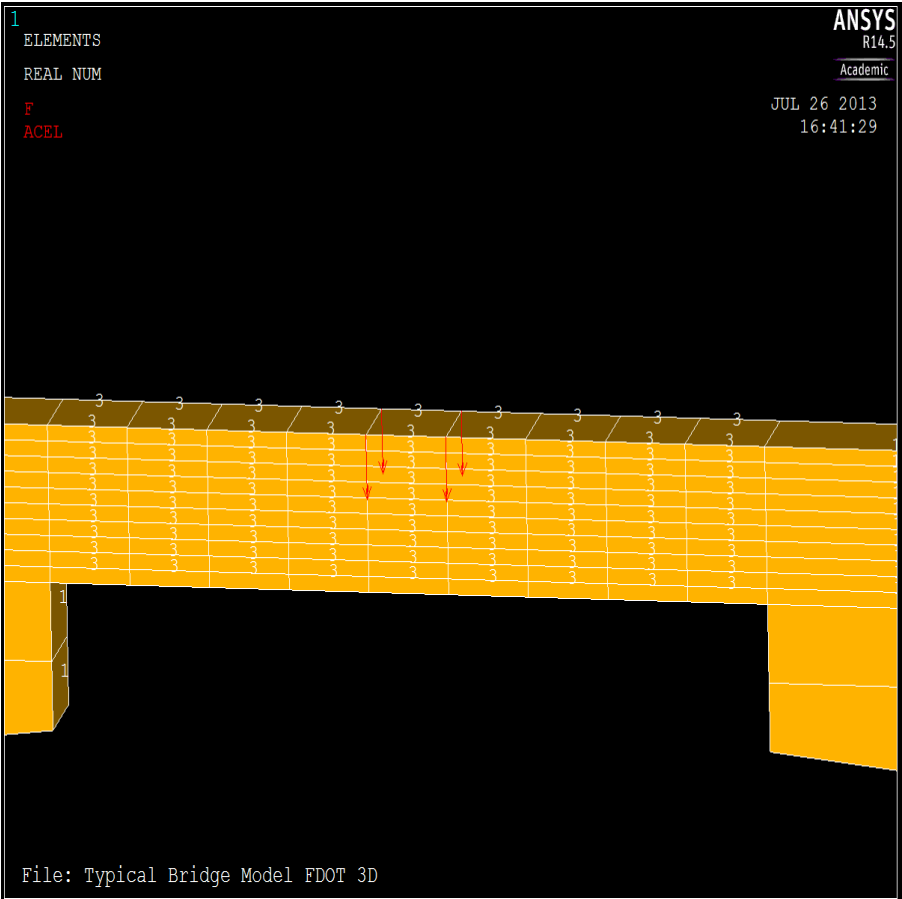
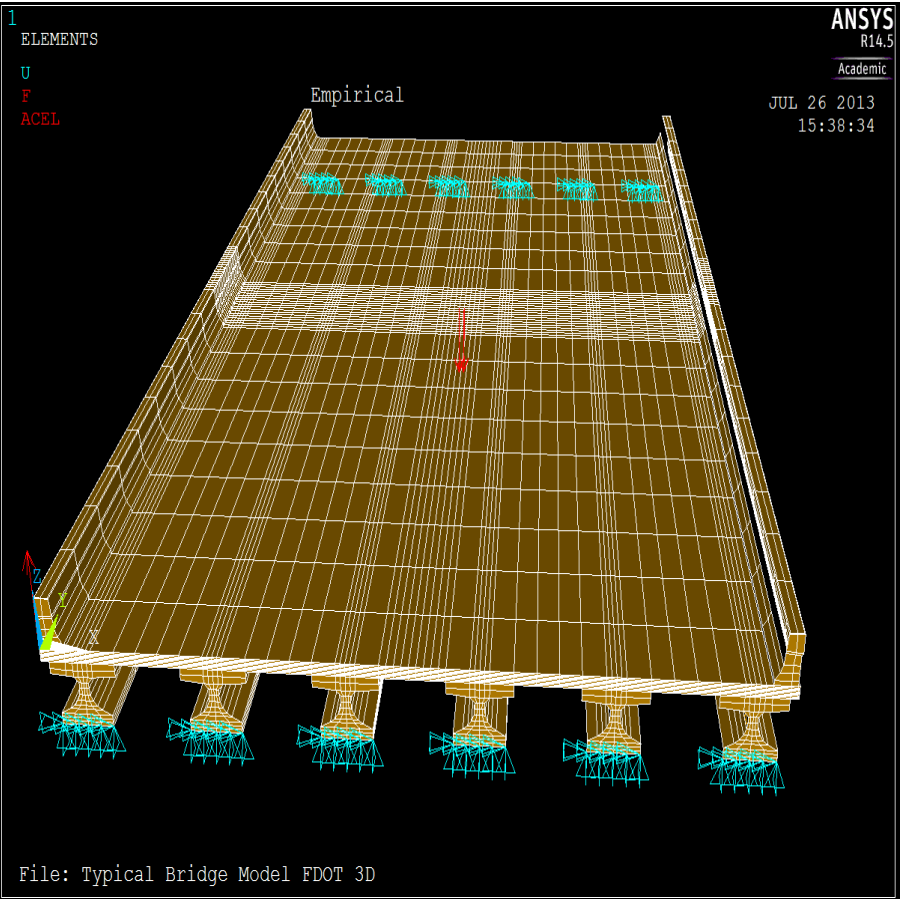
Index No.	Beam Type	Max. Bonded Prestress Force	Last Revision Date
20036	Florida-I 36	1450 Kips	07/01/09
20045	Florida-I 45	1670 Kips	07/01/09
20054	Florida-I 54	1740 Kips	07/01/09
20063	Florida-I 63	1740 Kips	07/01/09
20072	Florida-I 72	1980 Kips	07/01/09
20078	Florida-I 78	2230 Kips	07/01/09
20084	Florida-I 84	2375 Kips	07/01/10
20096	Florida-I 96	2375 Kips	07/01/10

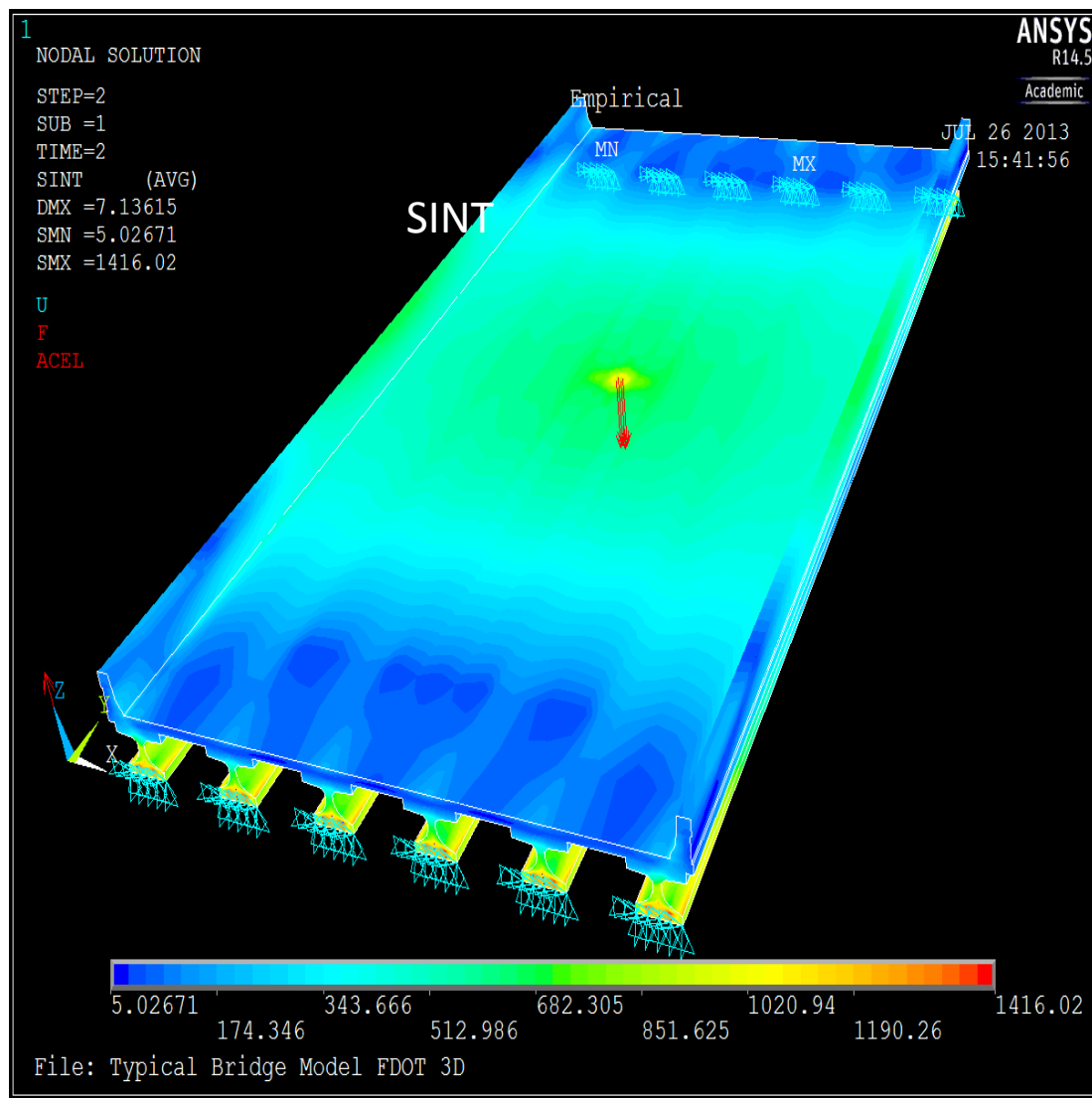
Do not apply losses when calculating the Bonded Prestress Force.



# Load Application

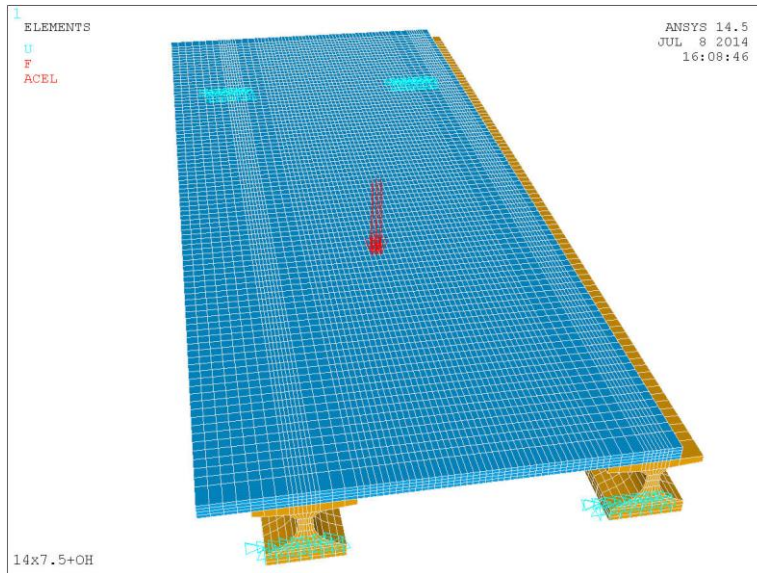
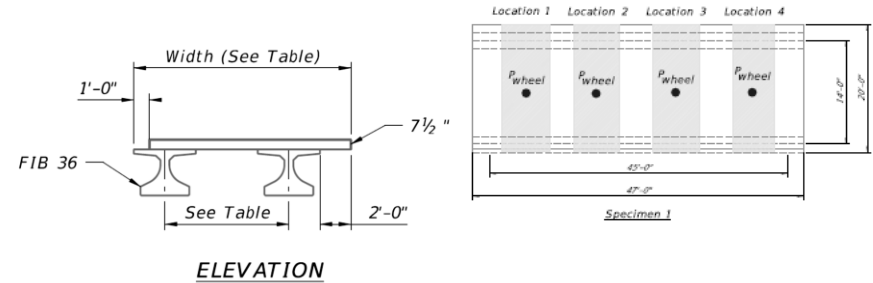




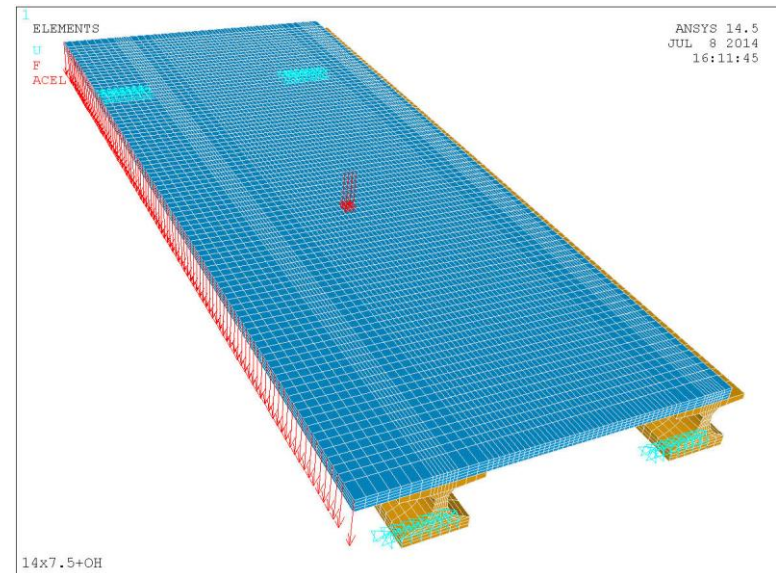


The differences in stresses between AASHTO LRFD and Empirical deck design methods are negligible.

# Finite Element Model of the Lab Specimen

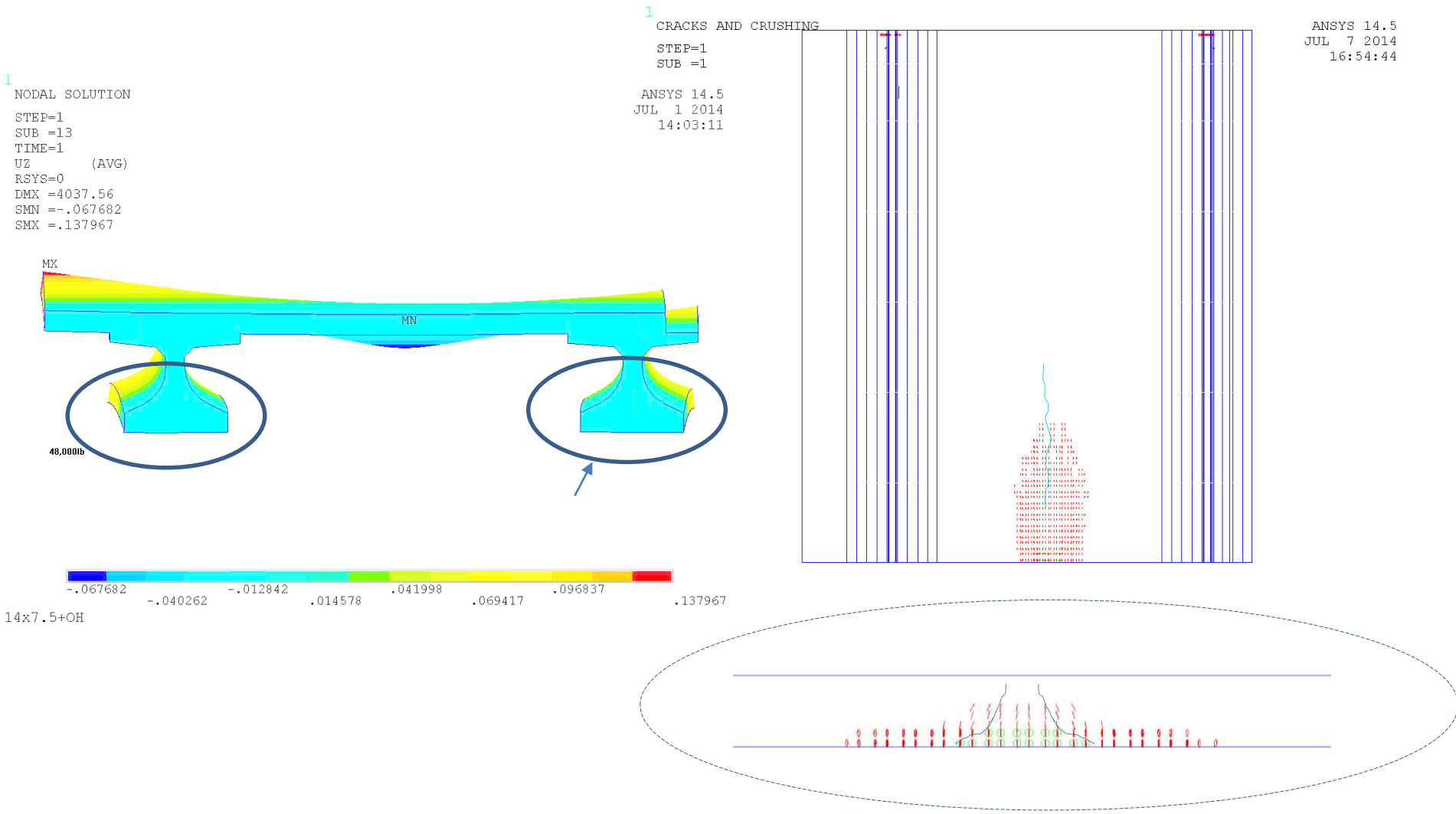


Finite Element Model of FIB 36 and Span 14 ft. With Point Load



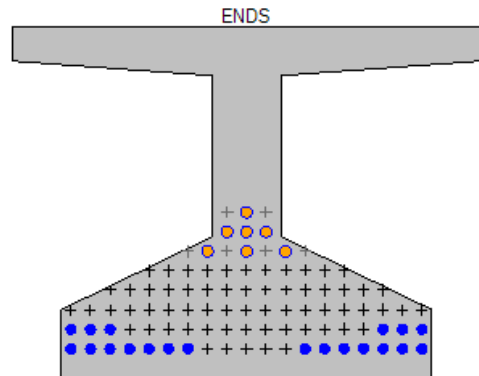
Finite Element Model of FIB 36 Loaded at the Mid-span and the Edge

# Finite Element Model of the Lab Specimen

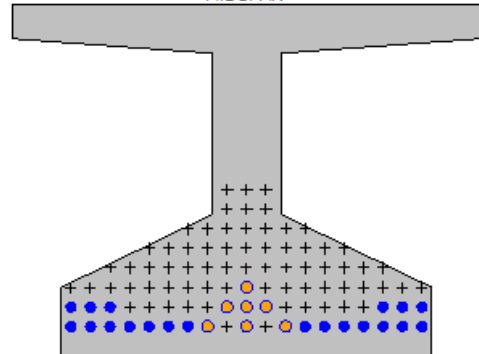


Crack Pattern under the point Load at the Mid-Span of the Slab

# CONSPAN Design



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MIDSPAN

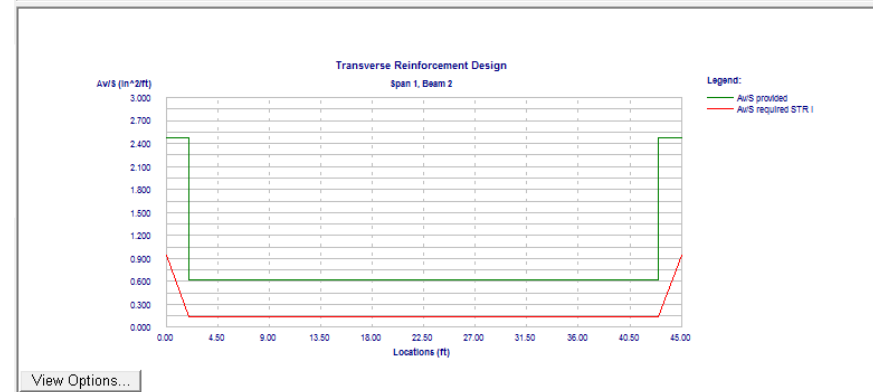


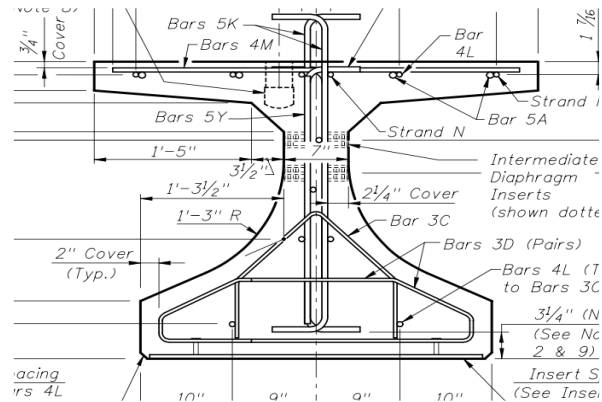
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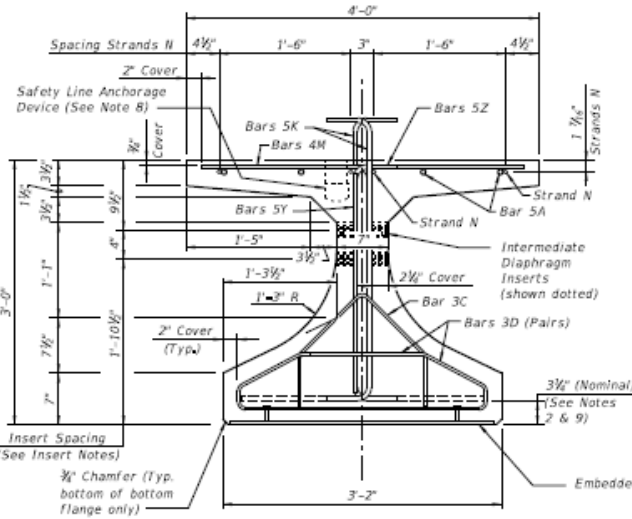
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	Number of Legs	Stirrup Size	Stirrup Area (in <sup>2</sup> )	Stirrup Spacing (in)	Extends to Deck	Start (ft)	End (ft)
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	2	US#5(M16)	0.620	12.00	✓ Yes	3.0000	44.0000
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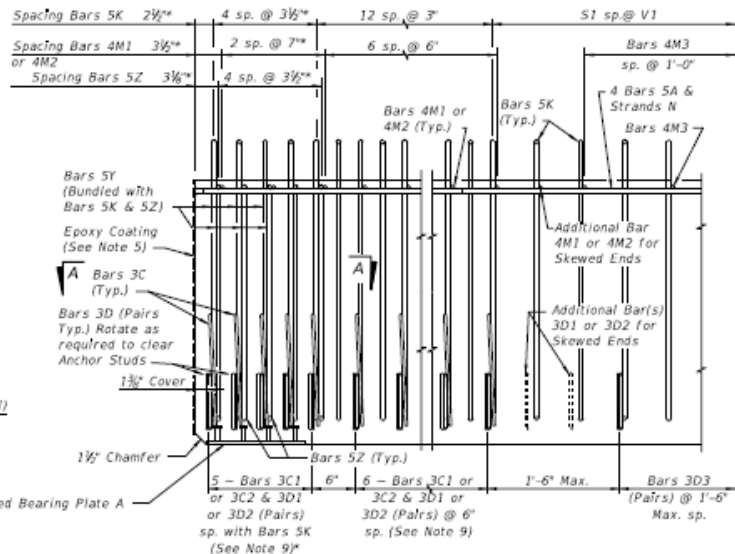




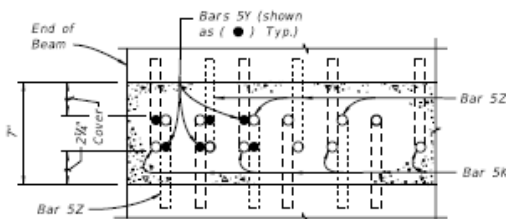
\* These dimensions are measured perpendicular to the end of beam



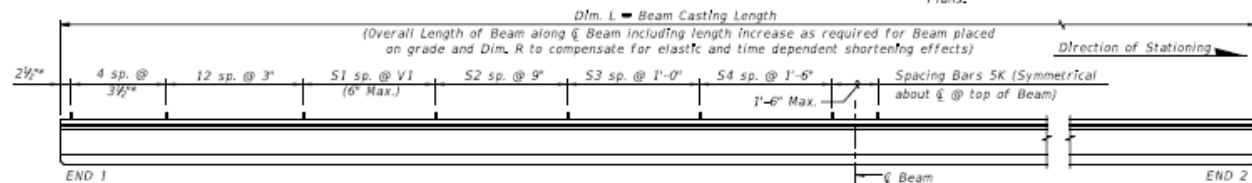
END VIEW



ELEVATION AT END OF BEAM  
(Flanges Not Shown For Clarity)  
(End 1 Shown, End 2 Similar)



SECTION A-A FOR CONVENTIONAL REINFORCING  
(Showing Bars 5K, 5Y & 5Z Only)



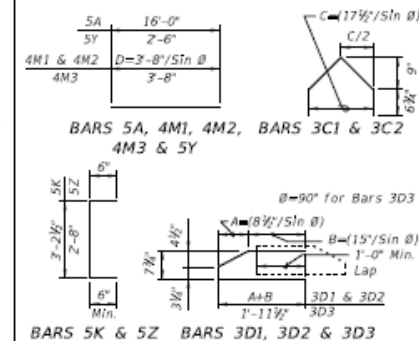
ELEVATION

# CONVENTIONAL REINFORCING BAR BENDING DETAILS

## BILL OF REINFORCING STEEL

MARK	NOTE NUMBERS	SIZE	NUMBER REQUIRED	LENGTH (NOTE 1)
A	—	5	8	16'-0"
C1	9, 10 & 11	3	11 (End 1)	Varies
C2	9, 10 & 11	3	11 (End 2)	Varies
D1	9, 10, 11 & 14	3	22 (End 1)	Varies
D2	9, 10, 11 & 14	3	22 (End 2)	Varies
D3	9 & 14	3	See Table	4'-3"
K	2, 9, 11 & 13	5	See Table	4'-2"
M1	9 & 10	4	9 (End 1)	Varies
M2	9 & 10	4	9 (End 2)	Varies
M3	9	4	See Table	3'-8"
N	3 & 4	3/4" Ø Strand	4	Dim. L
Y	9 & 11	5	12	2'-6"
Z	2, 9, 11 & 13	5	10	3'-8"

## BENDING DIAGRAMS (See Note 1)



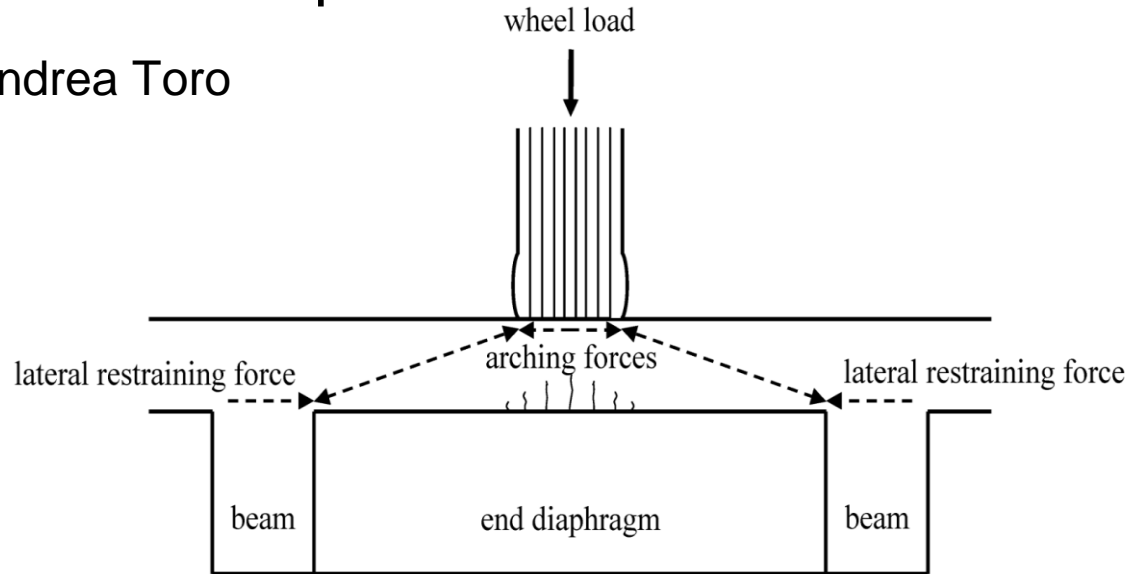
## NOTES:

- Work this Index with Index No. 20010 - Typical Florida-I Beam Details and Notes and the Florida-I Beam - Table of Beam Variables in Structures Plans.
- For referenced notes, see Index No. 20010.
- For Dimensions A, B, C, D, L, R & V1 and number of spaces S1 thru S4, see Florida-I Beam - Table of Beam Variables in Structures Plans.



# Effect of lateral stiffness on bridge deck performance

By: Andrea Toro



## Objectives:

- compressive membrane action (CMA)
- Compare the ultimate capacity predicted by four different methods.
- Determine the influence of lateral stiffness of support girders on the compressive membrane action, the behavior of deck slab, bridge deck ultimate capacity, and slab mode of failure.

## methods of analysis

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- British Standards (BS 5400)
- American Concrete Institute (ACI 318-05)
- UK Highway Agencies (BD81/02)
- Taylor, Rankin, and Clelands (TRC) approach

## methods of analysis

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### British Standards (BS 5400)

- Bending capacity

$$M = A_s f_y d \left( 1 - \frac{0.746 A_s f_y}{f_{cu} b d} \right)$$

- Flexural capacity under concentrated load

$$M = 0.08 P \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m/m}$$

- Shear capacity under concentrated load

$$P_{vs} = 0.79 \cdot \sqrt[3]{100 \cdot \frac{A_s}{b d}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{f_{cu}}{25}} \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{500}{d}} \cdot b_o \cdot d$$

### American Concrete Institute (ACI 318-05)

- Bending  $M = \rho \cdot f_y \cdot d^2 \left( 1 - \frac{0.5 \rho f_y}{\beta \cdot f'_c} \right)$

- Flexural capacity under concentrated load

$$M = 0.08 P \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m/m}$$

- Shear capacity under concentrated load

$$P_{vs} = 4 \cdot \sqrt{f'_c} \cdot b_o d$$

## methods of analysis

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UK Highway Agencies (BD81/02)

- Elastic-plastic concrete stress block derived as

$$\varepsilon_c = (-400 + 60f'_c - 0.33f'_c{}^2) \times 10^{-6}$$

- McDowell's non-dimensional arching parameter

$$R = \frac{\varepsilon_c \cdot L_r^2}{h^2}$$

- Arching moment ratio

$$M_r = 4.3 - 16.1\sqrt{3.3 \times 10^{-4} + 0.1243R}$$

- McDowell's non-dimensional parameter for deflection

$$u = -0.15 + 0.36\sqrt{0.18 + 5.6R}$$

- Maximum arching moment coefficient

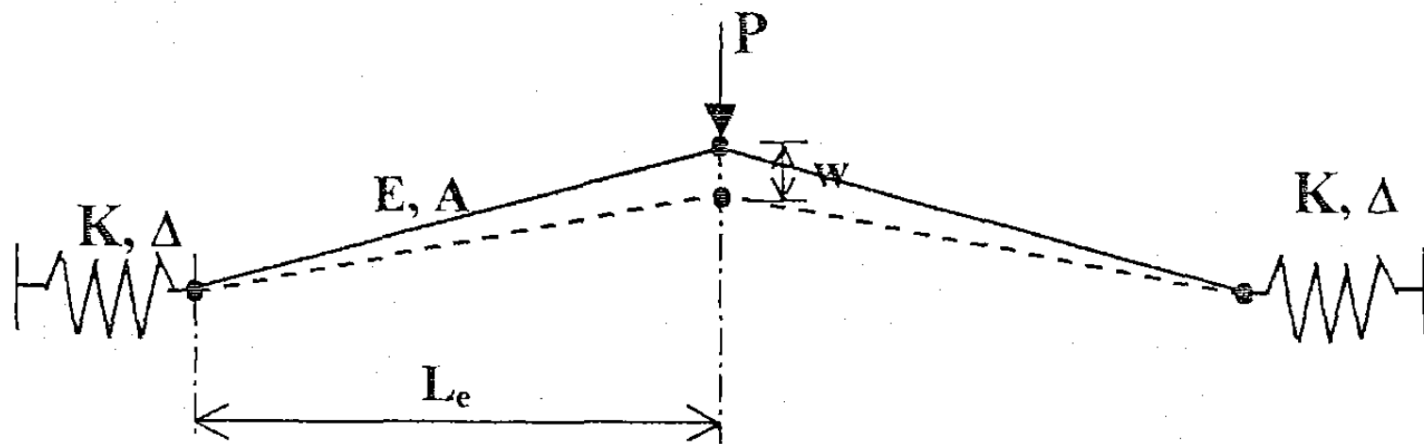
$$k = 0.0525(4.3 - 16.1\sqrt{3.3 \times 10^{-4} + 0.1243R})$$

- Effective reinforcement ratio

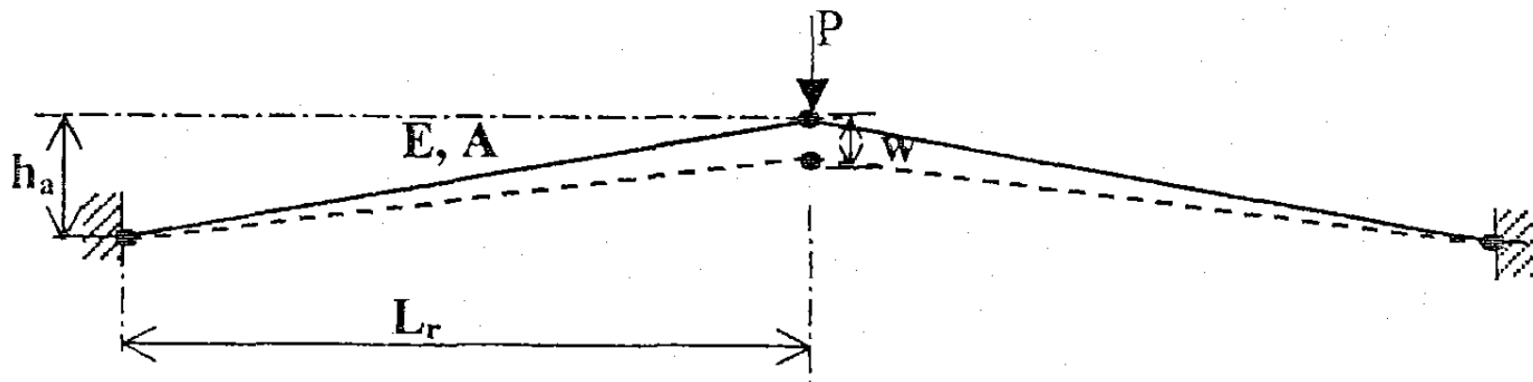
$$\rho_e = \frac{k \cdot f'_c \cdot h^2}{240d^2}$$

- Shear punching stress

$$P_{pv} = 1.52 \cdot (c_x + d) \cdot d \cdot \sqrt{f'_c} \cdot (100\rho_e)^{0.25}$$



a) elastically restrained arch



b) equivalent rigidly restrained arch

# methods of analysis

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Taylor, Rankin, and Cleland approach (TRC)

## 1. Effective width of loaded slab

$$L_e = \frac{L}{2} - \frac{c_x}{2}$$

## 2. Stiffness $b_{eff} = c_y + 2 \cdot L_e + 2h$

$$E_c = 4.23 \sqrt{f'c}$$

$$K_s = \frac{E_c h b_{eff}}{L_e}$$

$$A_b = \frac{\zeta L_e I_{yb}}{b_{eff}^3}$$

$$K_b = \frac{A_b E_c}{L_e}$$

$$K_d = \frac{\Sigma A_d E_c}{L_e}$$

$$K_r = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{K_b} + \frac{1}{K_d}}$$

## 3. Bending capacity

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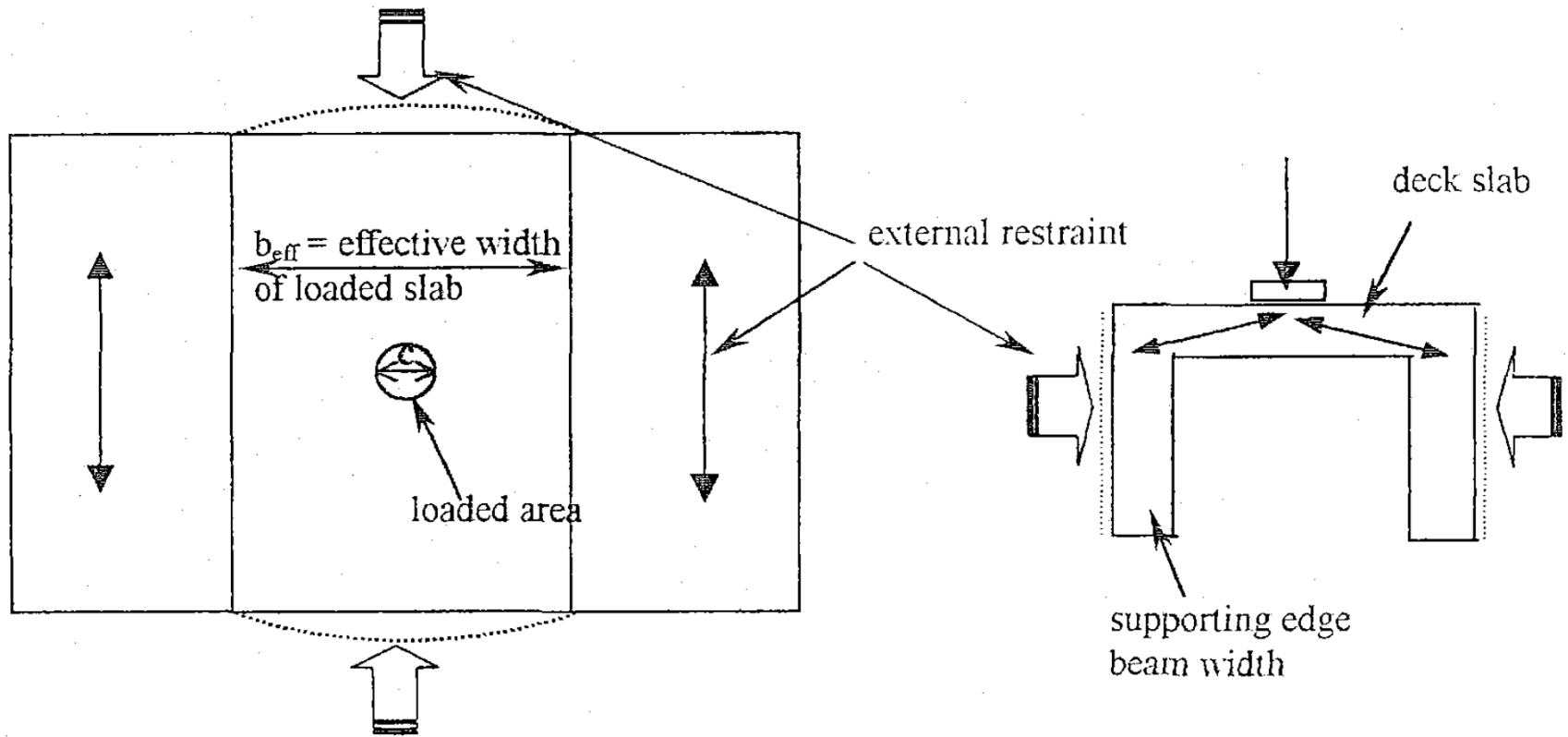
Depth of stress block,  $\beta = 1 - 0.003 f'c$  but  $< 0.9$

$$\text{Depth of neutral axis, } x = \frac{f_y A_s}{0.67 f'c \beta b}$$

Lever arm,  $z = d - 0.5 \beta x$

$$M_b = f_y A_s z$$

$$P_b = k_b M_b$$



# Numerical methods of analysis

Taylor, Rankin, and Cleland approach (TRC)

The length of the equivalent rigidly restrained slab strip and the contact area are dependent upon the degree of lateral restraint, therefore this required an iterative process between step 4 and 8 until the proportion of half the arching depth in contact with the support was constant.

## 4. Arching section

$$2d_1 = h - 2x\beta$$

new  $d_1$  from previous iterations

## 5. Equivalent Rigidly Restrained Slab

$$A = abd_1$$

## 6. Arching $p$

$$L_r = L_e \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{EA}{KL_e} + 1\right)}$$

$$\varepsilon_u = 0.0043 - [(f'_c - 60)2.5 \times 10^{-5}] \quad \text{but } < 0.0043$$

$$\text{and } R = \frac{\varepsilon_u L_r^2}{4d_1^2}$$

$$\varepsilon_c = 2\varepsilon_u(1 - \beta)$$

## 7. Deformation

$$R > 0.26 \rightarrow u = 0.31$$

$$0 < R < 0.26 \rightarrow u = -0.15 + 0.36\sqrt{0.18 + 5.6R}$$

## 8. Contact depth

$$\alpha = 1 - \frac{u}{2}$$

$\alpha d_1$  use for refined arching action section above until value remains constant.

## 9. Arching capacity

$$R > 0.26 \rightarrow M_r = \frac{0.3615}{R}$$

$$0 < R < 0.26 \rightarrow M_r = 4.3 - 16.1\sqrt{3.3 \times 10^{-4} + 0.1243R}$$

$$M_a = 0.168bf'cd_1^2 M_r \left( \frac{L_e}{L_r} \right)$$



# Numerical methods of analysis

Taylor, Rankin, and Cleland approach (TRC)

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## 9. Arching capacity

$$P_a = k_a M_a$$

## 10. Flexural punching capacity

$$P_{pf} = P_a + P_b$$

## 11. Shear punching capacity

$$\rho_e = (\rho_e + \rho) \left( \frac{f_y}{320} \right) = \left( \frac{M_a + M_b}{M_b} \right) \left( \frac{f_y}{320} \right) \rho$$

$$P_{pv} = \frac{0.43}{r_f} \sqrt{f'c} (\text{critical perimeter}) d (100\rho_e)^{0.25}$$

## 12. Ultimate Capacity

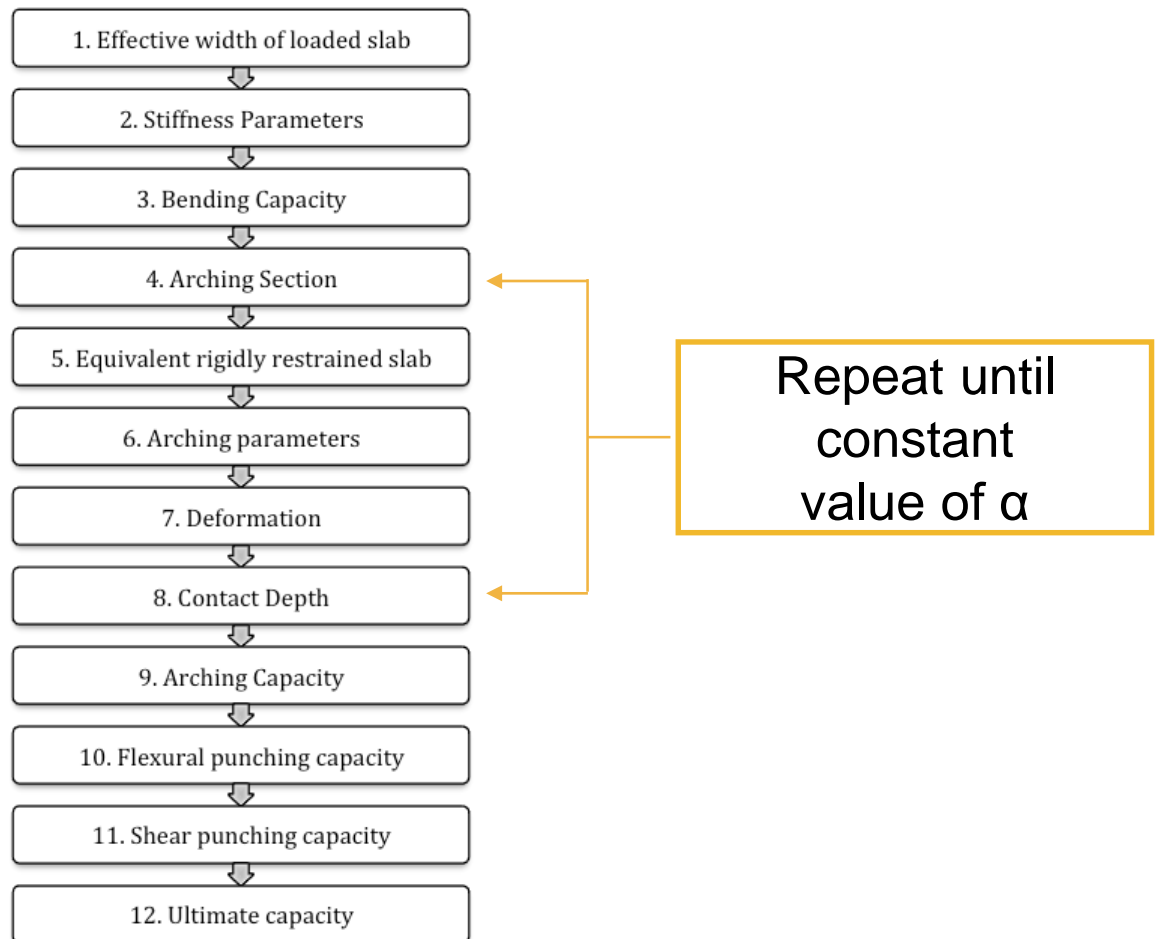
$$\text{If } P_{pf} < P_{pv} \Rightarrow P_p = P_{pf}$$

$$\text{If } P_{pf} > P_{pv} \Rightarrow P_p = P_{pv}$$

# methods of analysis

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Taylor, Rankin, and Cleland's approach (TRC)



# actual testing & MODEL Results

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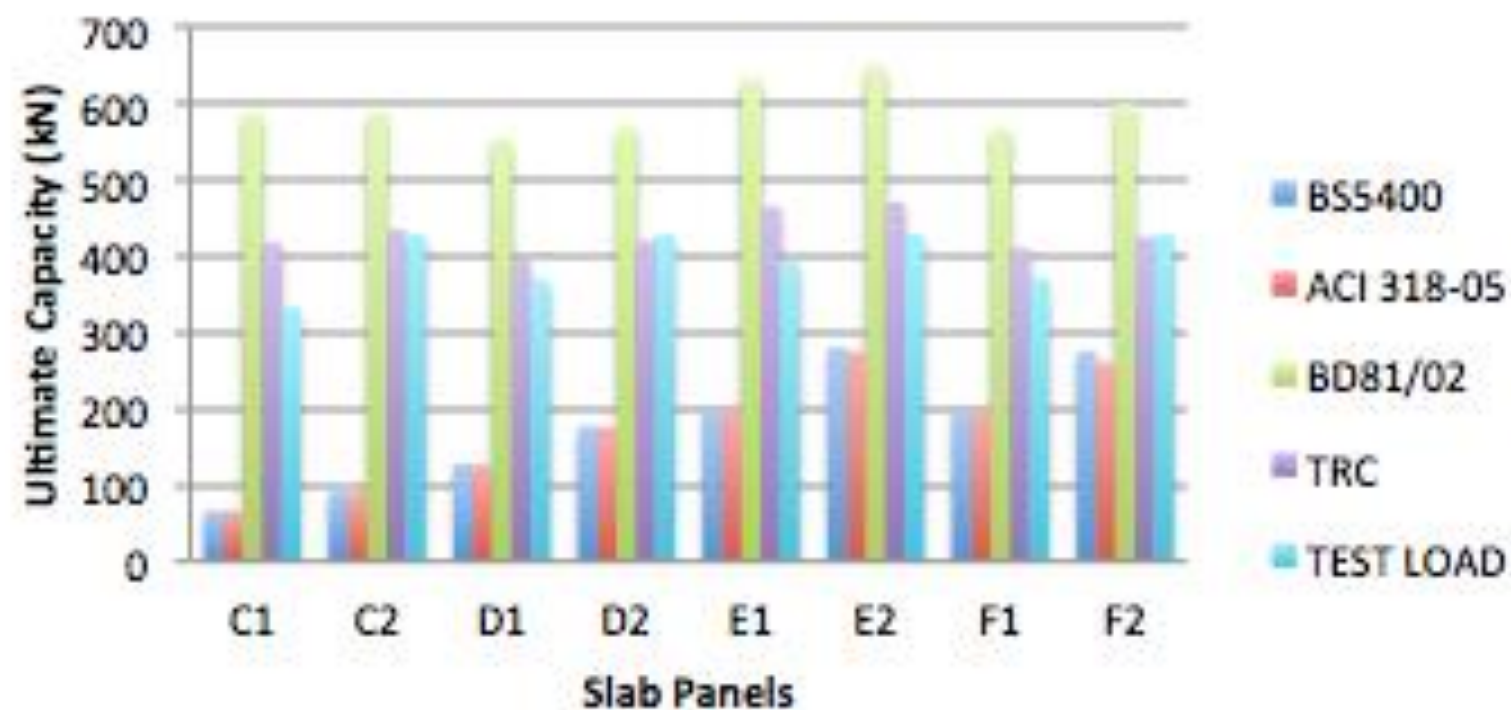
“Serviceability of bridge deck slabs with arching action”

by Taylor, S.E., Rankin, B., Cleland, B.J., and Kirkpatrick, J. (2007)

Capacity	BS 54000	ACI 318-05	BD81/02	TRC approach
Flexural	66.6 kN	66.2kN	-	504.422 kN
Shear	167.3 kN	214.1 kN	588.0 kN	418.829 kN
Ultimate	66.6 kN	66.2kN	588.0 kN	418.829 kN

The actual test results showed that the panel's maximum test load capacity was **333 kN**

Predicted and Actual Capacities of Bridge decks under concentrated load

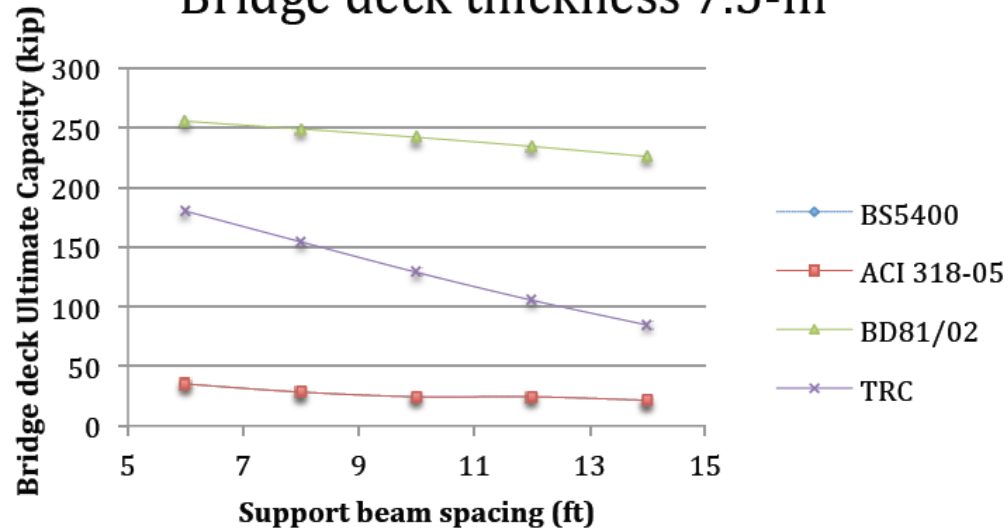


## PARAMETERS FOR ANALYSIS

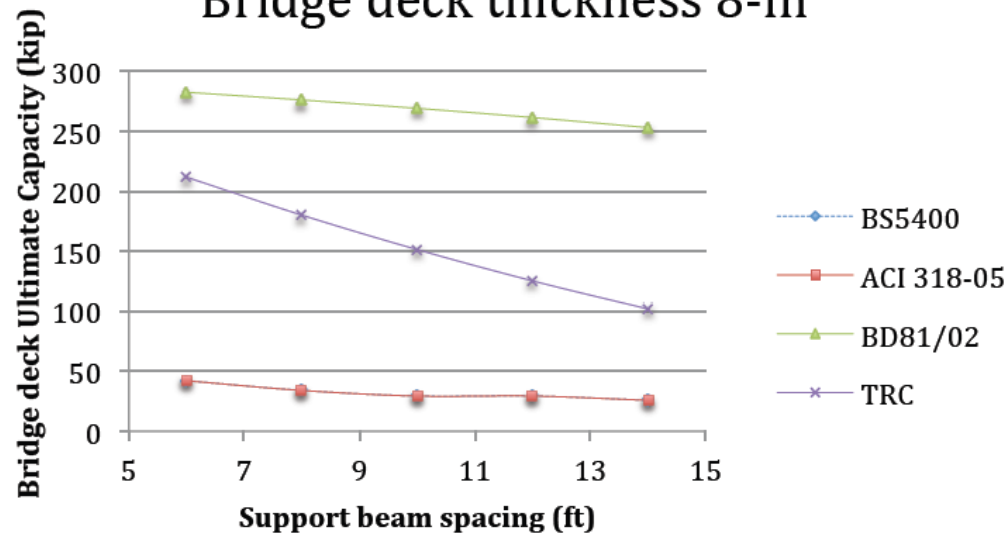
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- 5 - different deck slab thickness (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5 inches)
- 5 - different support beam spacing (6, 8, 10, 12, 14 feet)
- Steel reinforcement ratio 0.454%
- 80-foot span
- FIB-36 girder

## Bridge deck thickness 7.5-in



## Bridge deck thickness 8-in





Lateral Restraint analysis parameters (further analysis was performed based on the TRC approach, since it has resulted in a very significant contribution having a load and a carrying capacity close to the actual testing load)

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- 5 - different deck slab thickness (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5 inches)
- 5 - different support beam spacing (6, 8, 10, 12, 14 feet)
- 5 - different bridge span lengths (50, 60, 70, 80, 90 feet)
- 4 - different types of girders (FIB-36, AASHTO type III, W44x335, built-up steel girder)
- 2- Steel reinforcement ratio (0.454%, 0.63%)
- 2 - different compressive concrete strengths (4, 5 ksi)

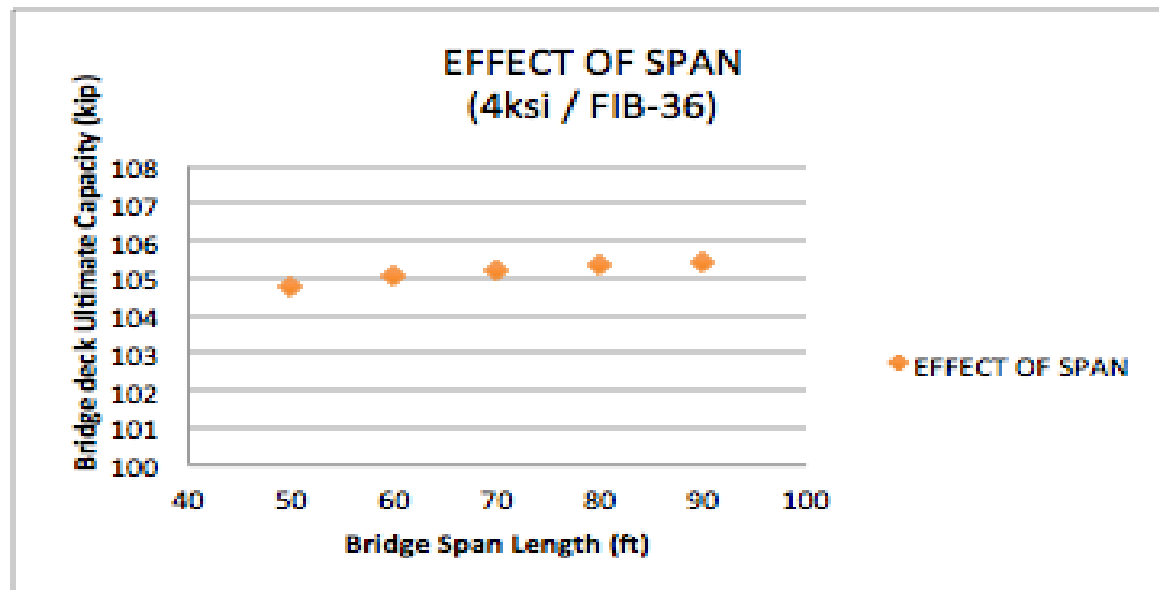
## Support BEAM properties

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	FIB-36	AASHTO TYPE III	W44X335	BUILT UP
CROSS SECTION AREA (in2)	806.58	560	98.5	106
I <sub>x</sub> (in4)	127,564	125,390.35	31,100	99,734
I <sub>y</sub> (in4)	81,131	12,216.56	1,200	2,884.55
Material	concrete	concrete	steel	steel
Modulus of Elasticity N/mm2 (ksi)	2.85E+04 (4.134E+03 ksi)	2.85E+04 (4.134E+03 ksi)	2.00E+05 (2.90E+04 ksi)	2.00E+05 (2.90E+04 ksi)
Rectangular load patch (in)	10x20	10x20	10x20	10x20

# Effect of Bridge beam span

f'c=4ksi				FIB-36			
EFFECT OF SPAN				Flexural Arching punching capacity	Shear punching Capacity	Ultimate capacity	Type of failure
Length	Spacing	Thickness	p empirical	kip	kip	kip	
50	12'	7.5	0.45	104.802	170.495	104.802	Flexural
60				105.057	170.638	105.057	Flexural
70				105.225	170.733	105.225	Flexural
80				105.344	170.799	105.344	Flexural
90				105.433	170.849	105.433	Flexural



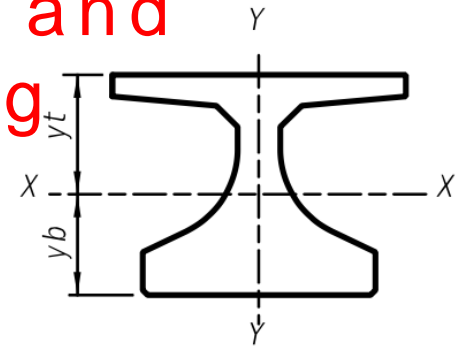
# EFFECT OF COMPRESSIVE CONCRETE STRENGTH ( $f'_c$ )

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Effect of $f'_c$					Flexural Arching punching capacity	Shear punching Capacity	Ultimate capacity	Type of failure
$f'_c$ (ksi)	Length (ft)	Spacing (ft)	Thickness (in)	$\rho$ empirical (%)	kip	kip	kip	
4	80	12'	7.5	0.45	92.898	146.676	92.898	Flexural
5					105.344	170.799	105.344	Flexural
8					119.593	224.327	119.593	Flexural

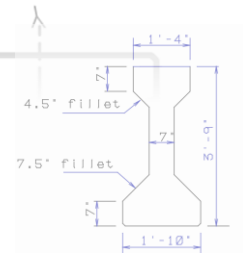
# effect of slab thickness and support beam spacing

( $\rho=0.45\%$  and  $0.63\%$ ) - FIB-36

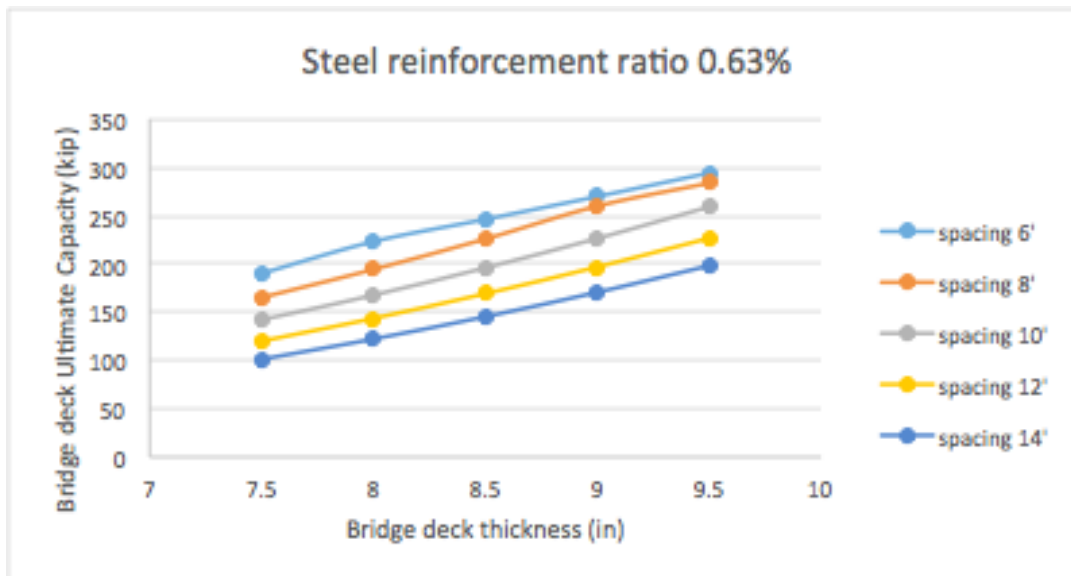
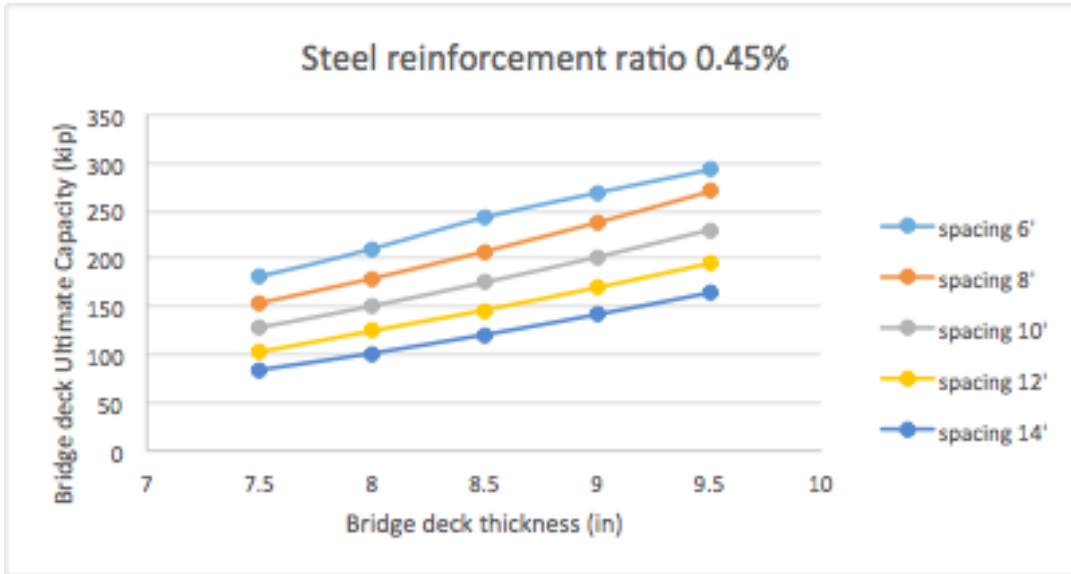
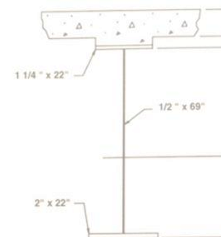
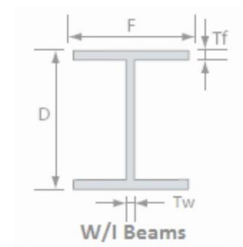


FIB-36  
AASHTO TYPE III  
W44x335  
Built-up steel Girder

FIB-36  
FIB-36

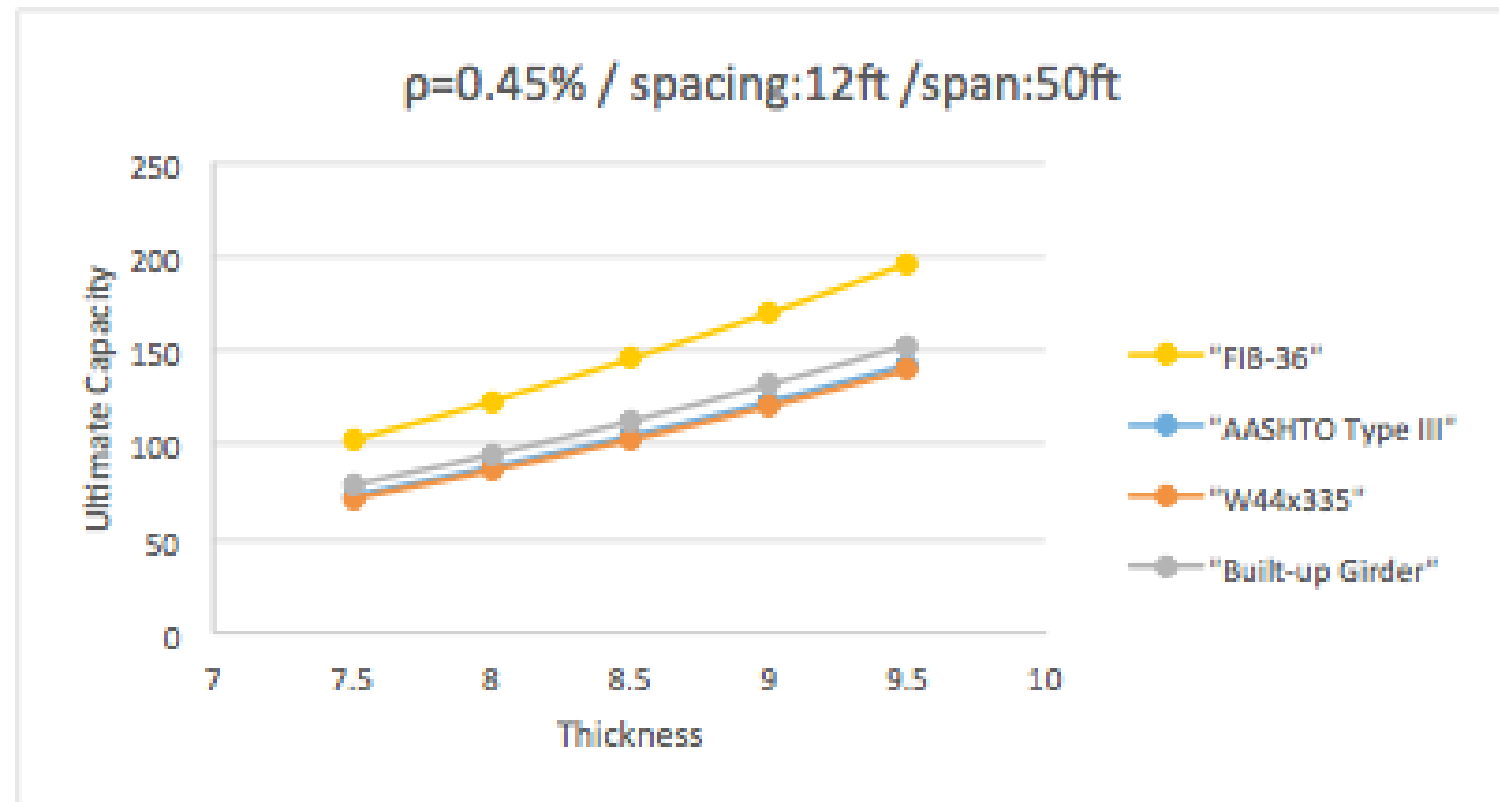


TYPE 3 GIRDER



# EFFECT OF DIFFERENT SUPPORT BEAMS

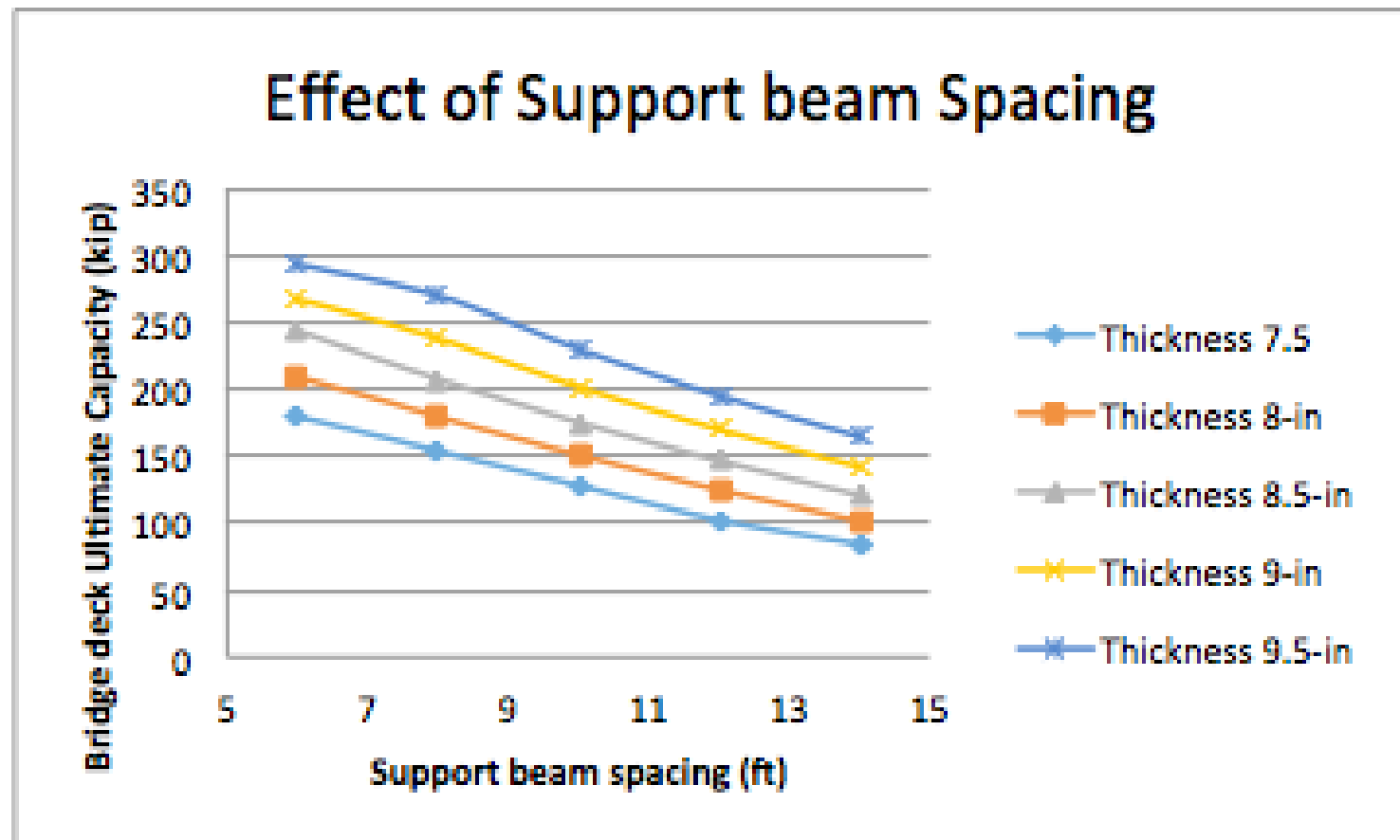
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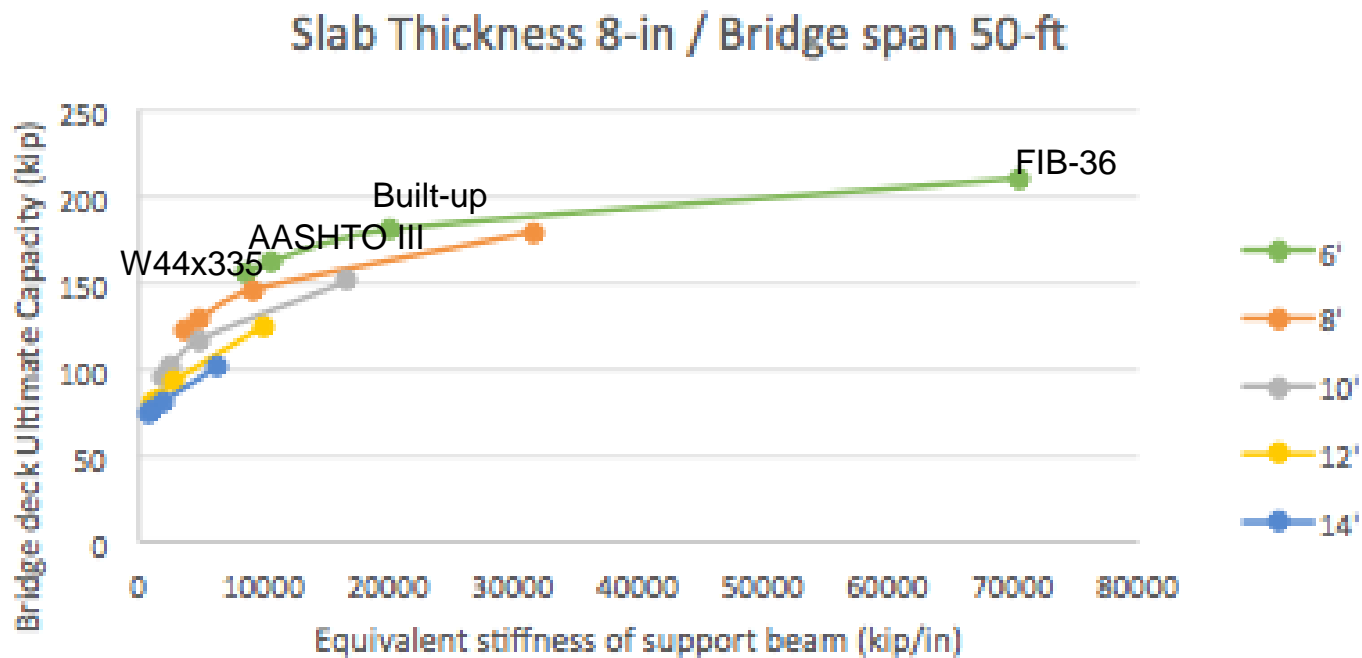
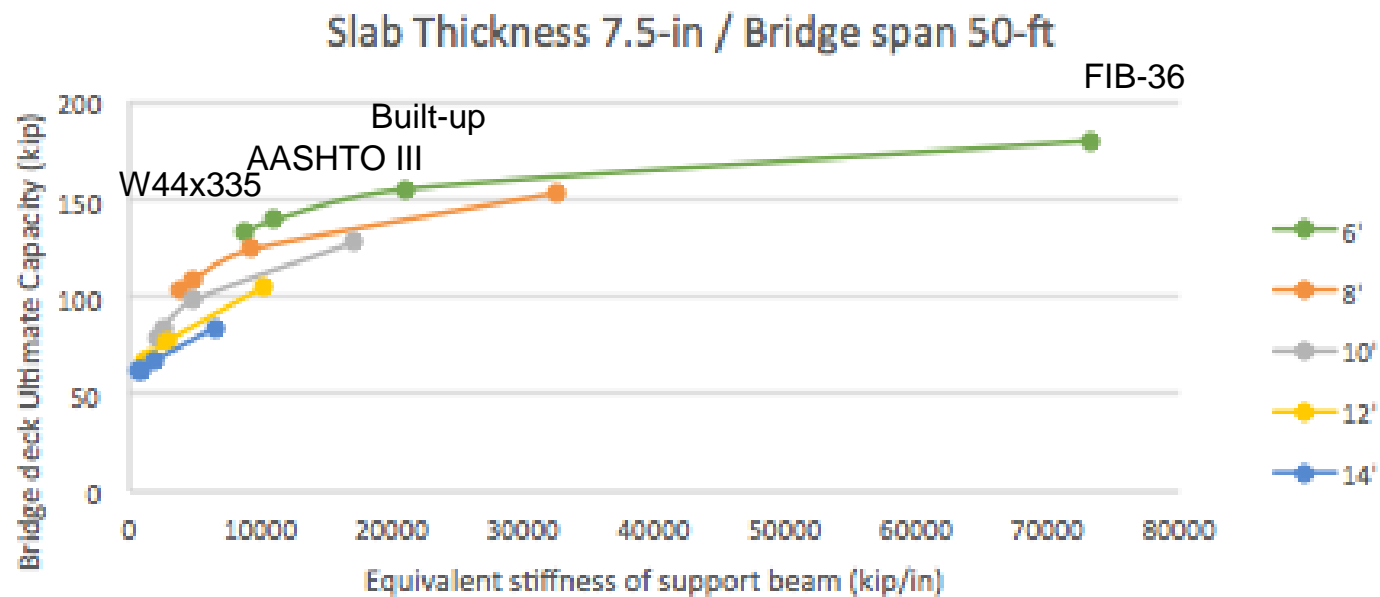




# Effect of support beam spacing

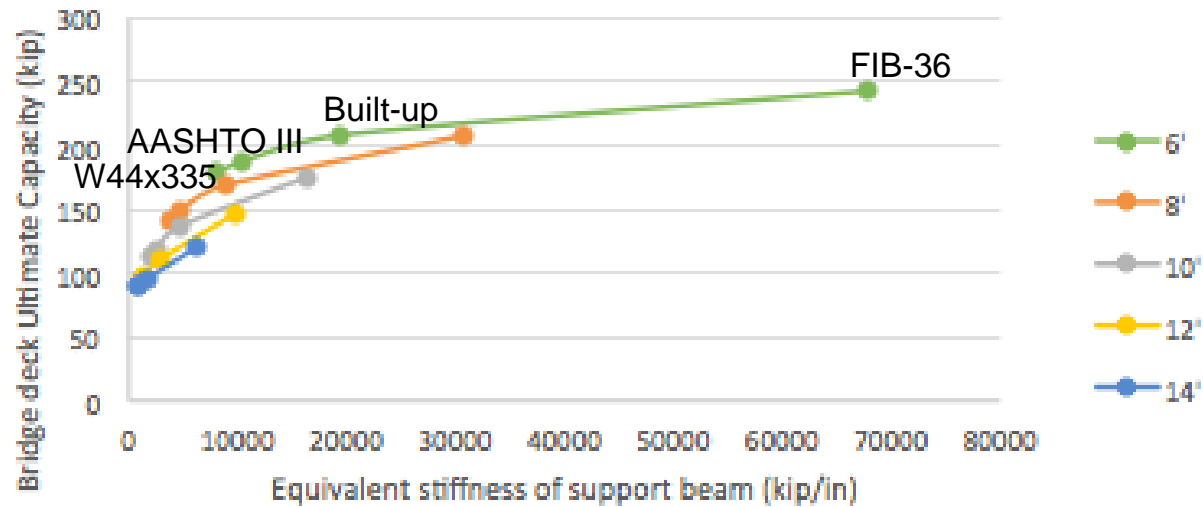
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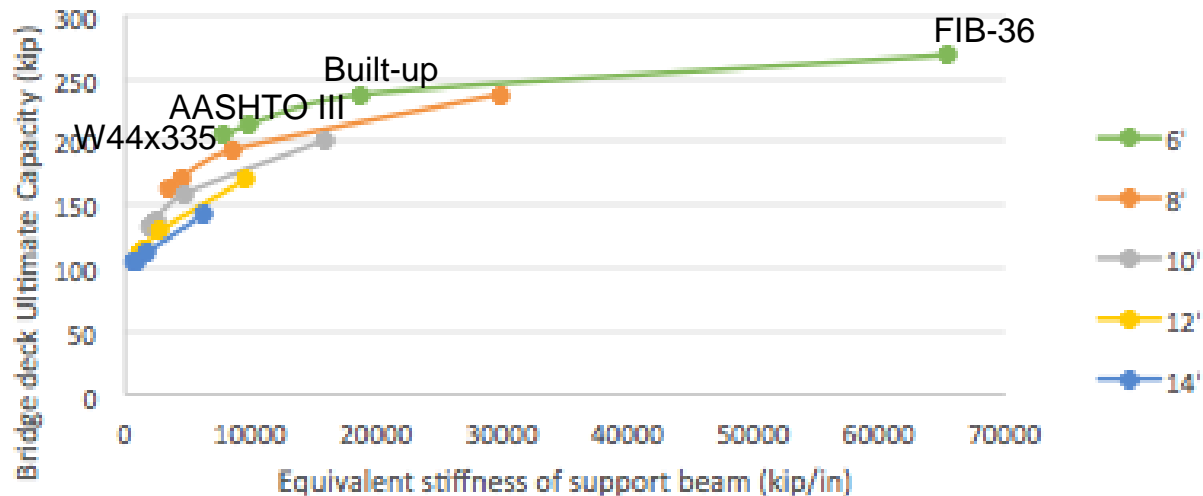


effect of lateral stiffness on ultimate load capacity

### Slab Thickness 8.5-in / Bridge span 50-ft



### Slab Thickness 9-in / Bridge span 50-ft



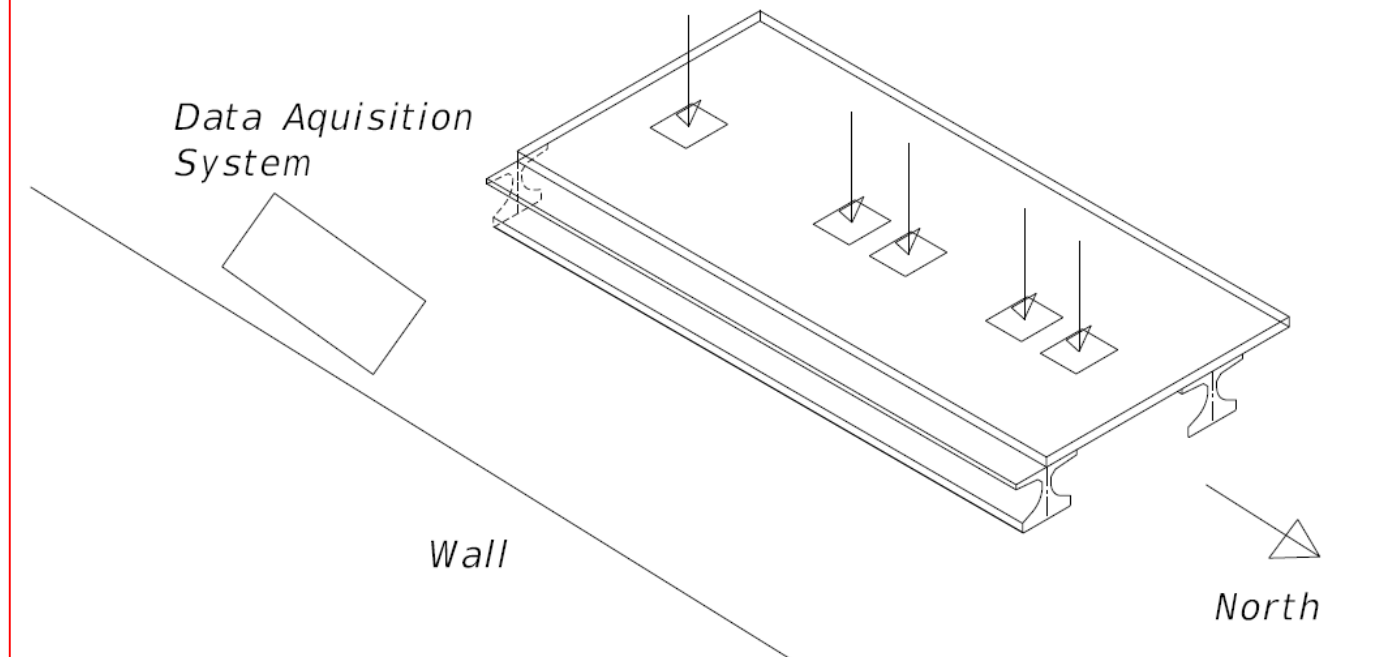
### Conclusions:

- The predicted ultimate capacity estimated using ACI 318-05 and BS5400 methodologies remained constant or slightly changed when varying the support beam spacing. However, the ultimate capacity calculated by BD81/02 and the TRC approach changed.
- The increase of concrete compressive strength ( $f'_c$ ) using the TRC approach had an effect on the ultimate capacity of the bridge deck slab.
- Using the TRC approach it was observed that when considering a small spacing, an increase of the steel reinforcement ratio would give a proportional increase to the flexural punching capacity. Yet, the ultimate capacity is the lesser of that flexural punching and shear punching capacities.

- Varying the bridge span length under fixed supporting beam spacing had little to no impact on the ultimate bridge deck capacity.
- When increasing the support beam spacing under a fixed deck slab thickness, the deck ultimate strength decreases.
- The support beam lateral stiffness has a direct relationship with the ultimate capacity of the bridge deck slab.
- It was observed that the FIB-36 girder contributed to a higher lateral stiffness when compared to the other girders like AASHTO and steel girders.

# Experimental Lab Work

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Front Office



## REINFORCEMENT STRAIN GAUGES

- 7 SG on bottom reinforcement in transverse direction (Along line of loading)
- 5 SG on bottom reinforcement in transverse direction (Parallel to line of loading) (1 ft away from load)
- 3 SG on bottom reinforcement in transverse direction (Parallel to line of loading) (3ft away from load)
- 1 SG on bottom reinforcement in transverse direction (Parallel to line of loading) (6 ft away from load)
- 8 SG on top reinforcement in transverse direction
- ◇ 5 SG on bottom reinforcement in longitudinal direction

○ Top steel reinforcement strain gauge (Transverse)

▪ Bottom steel reinforcement strain gauge (Transverse)

◇ Bottom steel (Longitudinal)

□ Load location



# Top Mat

Transverse reinforcement 6 inches from  $\bar{C}$  of the slab

2" cover for longitudinal bars —

3"

The top and bottom transverse and longitudinal reinforcement shall be staggered so that the top bars are centered between the bottom bar spacing

$\bar{C}$

North

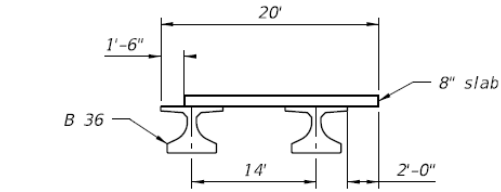
Offset long.  
Reinf. 6" from  $\bar{C}$   
of span along  
slab width

$\bar{C}$

Transverse reinforcement in line with  $\bar{C}$  of the slab

6"

6"



ELEVATION

14'-0"

$\bar{C}$

# Bottom Mat

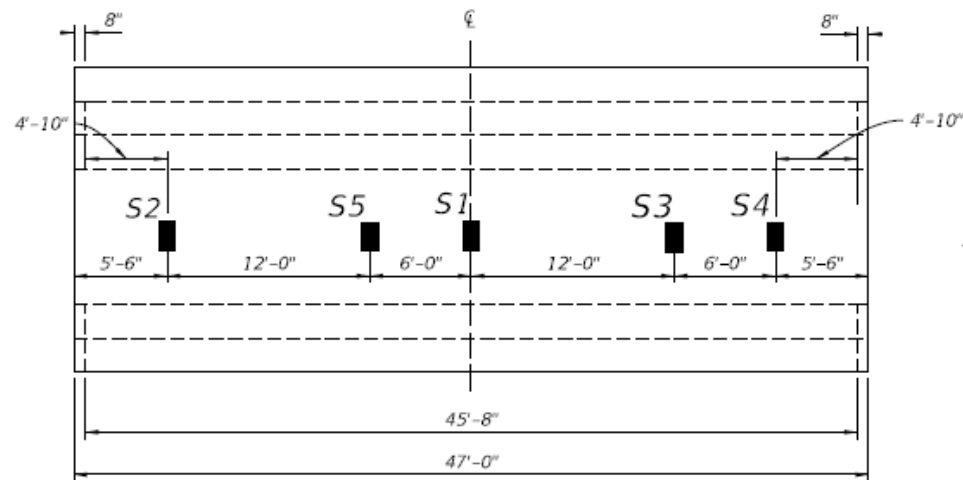
## Concrete Cover:

- FHWA uses a 8" slab (Including the integral wearing surface).  
The integral wearing surface is considered in the weight calculations. However, for resistance calculations, the integral wearing surface is assumed to not contribute to section resistance, i.e., the section thickness for resistance calculations is assumed to be 7.5 in.
- FDOT SDG uses similar covers and same requirement for decks. The top cover may vary if it is a long or short bridge. Other than that, for decks, covers do not vary by environments.

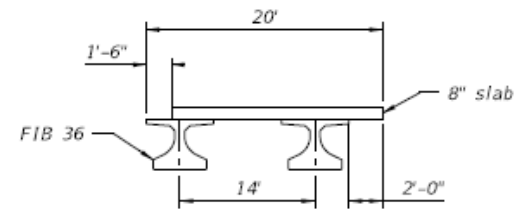
	Slab Thickness	Top cover	Bottom cover
FHWA	8"	2.5"	1"
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FDOT	8"	2"	2"

(These covers are measured from the extreme fiber of the slab to the steel surface)

- For our 8" thick deck, 1.5" top cover and 2" bottom cover are used.**

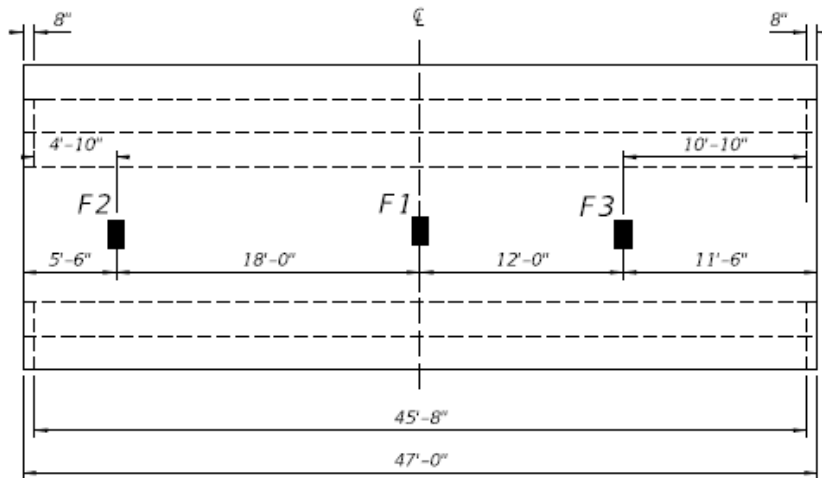


Service Load Cases



ELEVATION

<i>Empirical Design Method Top and Bottom Reinforcing Steel</i>				
Span Length	Beam Spa.	Overall width	Transv. Reinf.	Long. Reinf.
45'-8"	14'-0"	20'-0"	No.5 at 12"	No.5 at 12"



Failure Load Cases

Notes: Start testing 3 main service load cases S1, S2, S3 up to service load. The remaining service cases S4 through S5 are tentative based on the extent of damage from previous loads. If damage is minor continue to test S4 to S5. If damage is extensive, move on to failure load cases.

Deck will be cast to simulate real life scenario.

Load controlled loading

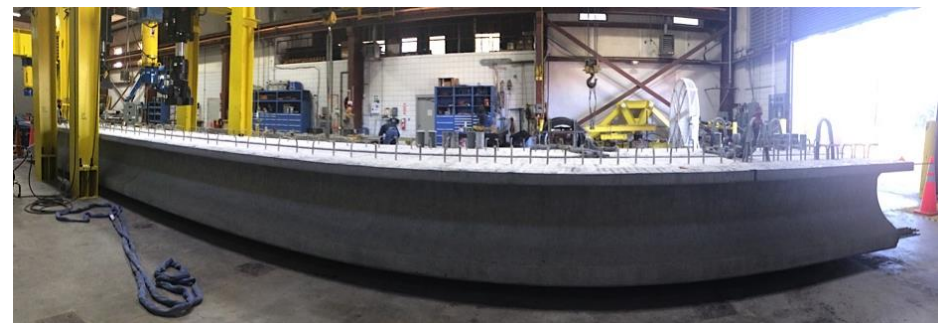


- Two FIB36 beams of 47 ft long.
- The composite action is attained by extending reinforcing stirrups from the top of the beams into the slab





hanger brackets  
embedded into the top  
flange of the FIBs



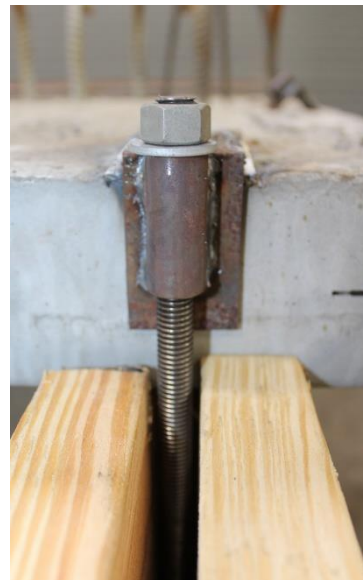
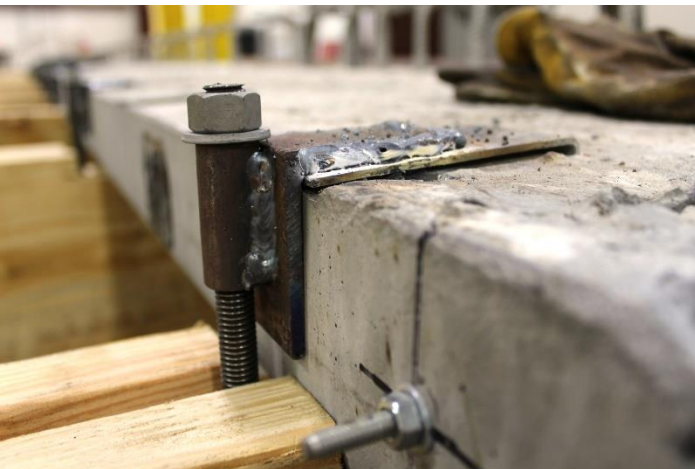




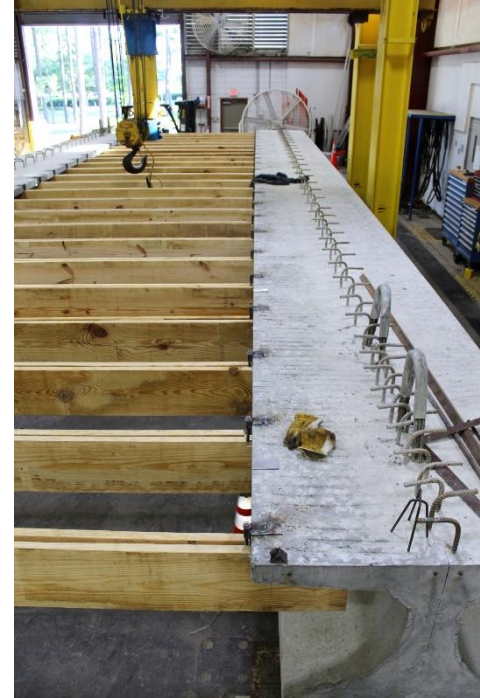














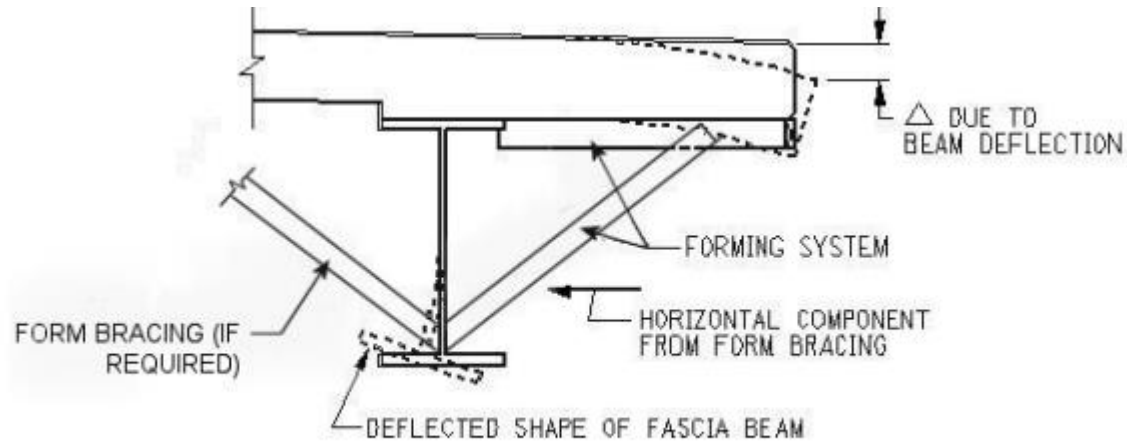












**Overhang Form Bracing**

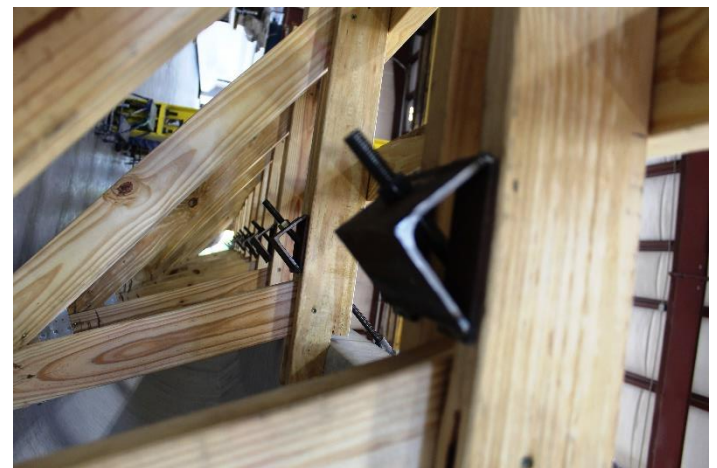


- FIB36 with form bracing: the horizontal force from the brace does NOT buckle the web, since it isn't bearing against the web of the fascia girder
- Forming and bracing systems used to place the concrete for bridge decks with large overhangs induce large horizontal forces in the fascia girder. These forces can cause lateral buckling and deflection problems in the fascia girder resulting in a poor deck profile.
- The design evaluates the ability of the fascia beam to safely support the construction loads (including the forms, bracing, wet concrete, walkway overhangs, workforce, and concrete screeding machines and appurtenances).

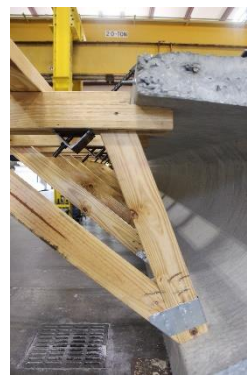
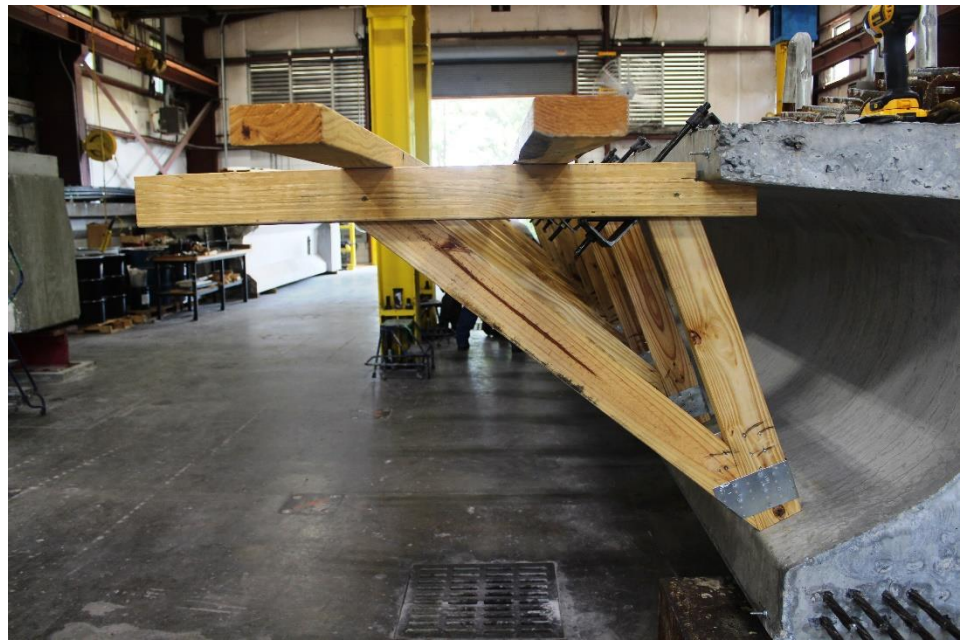
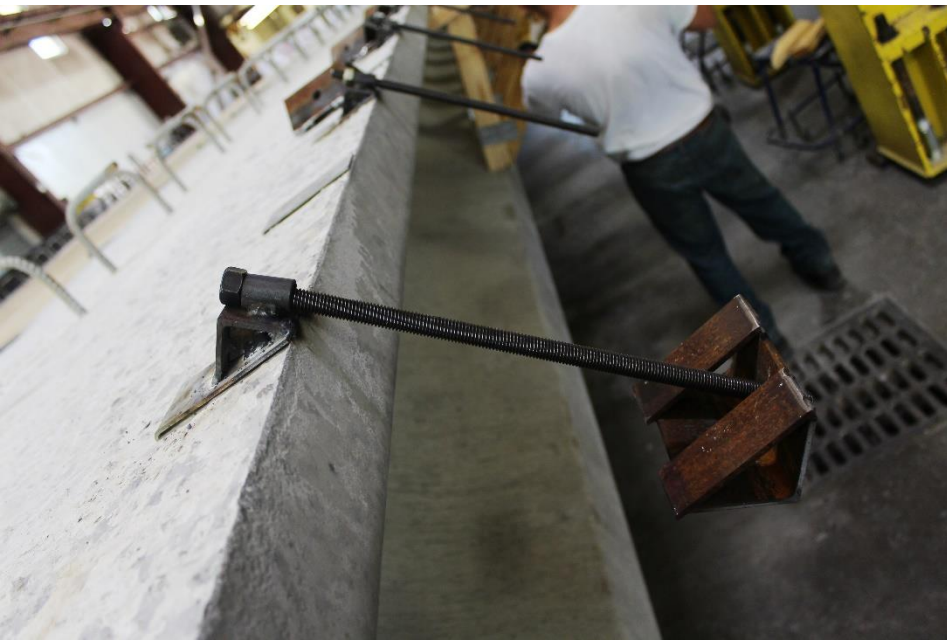




































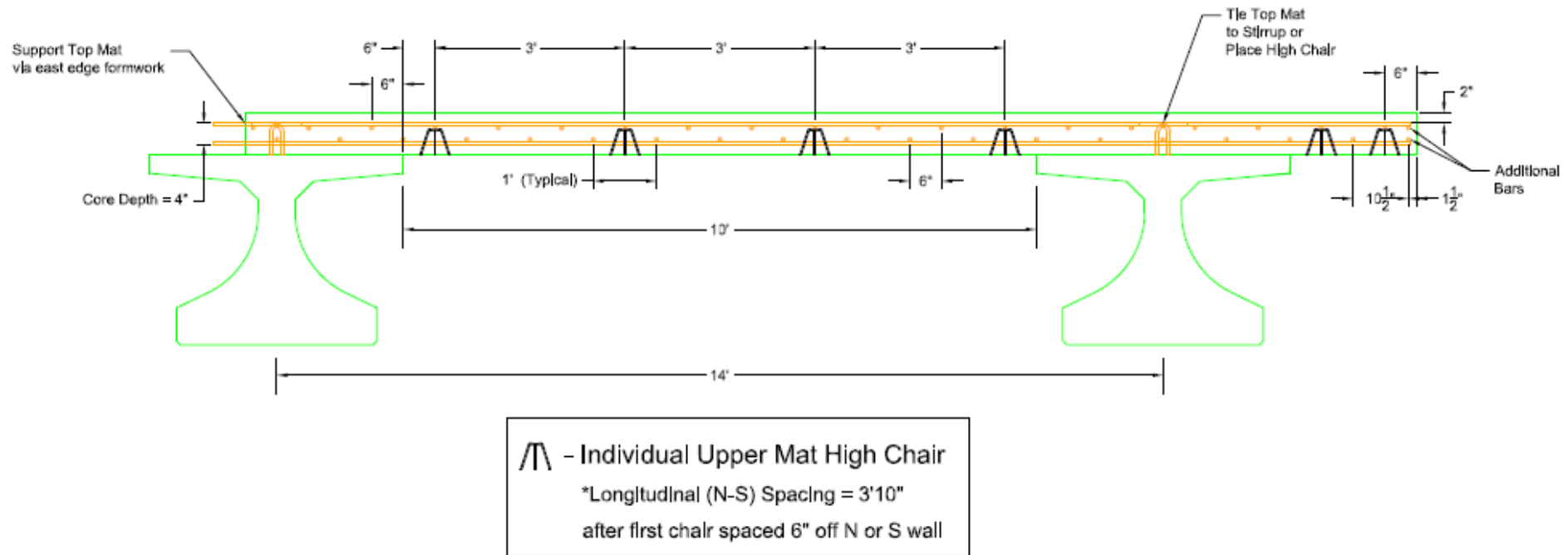




East

drawing showing the high chairs supporting the top mat

West



Florida SDG suggests 2 inches of top and bottom cover for an 8 inch deck, we suggested using 1.5 inches for the top cover and 2 inches of bottom cover since our specimen does not include the wearing surface.

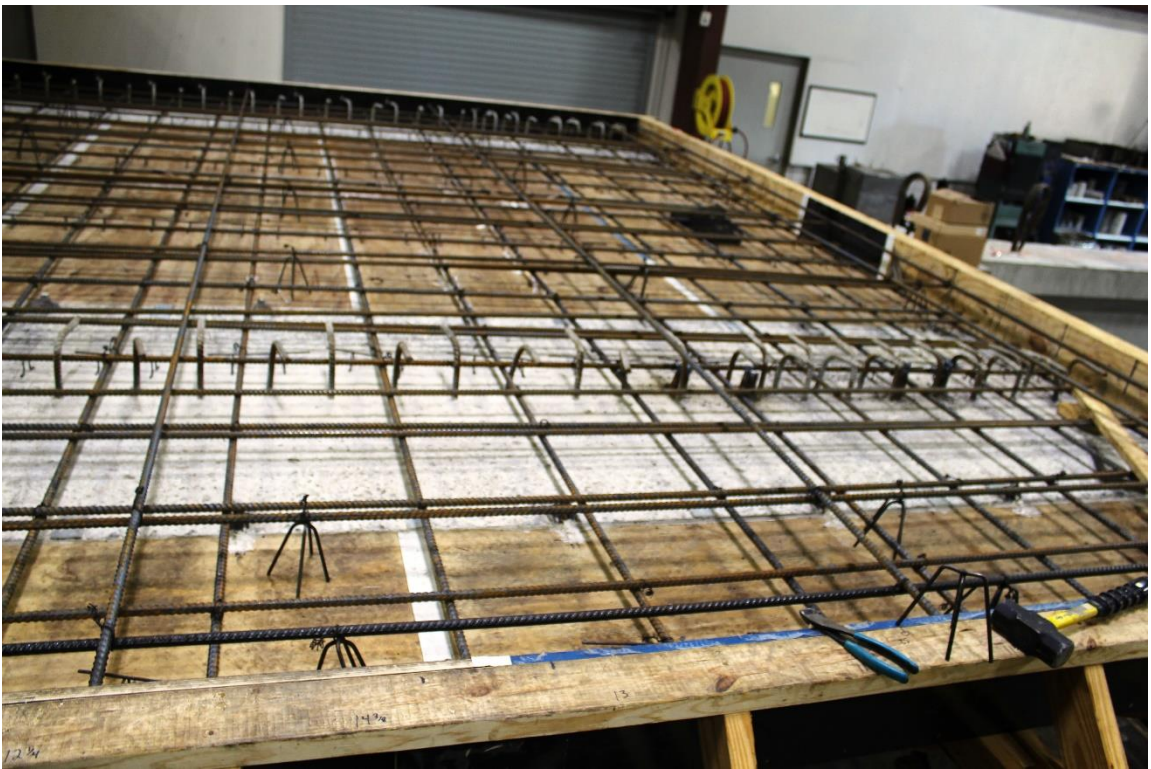




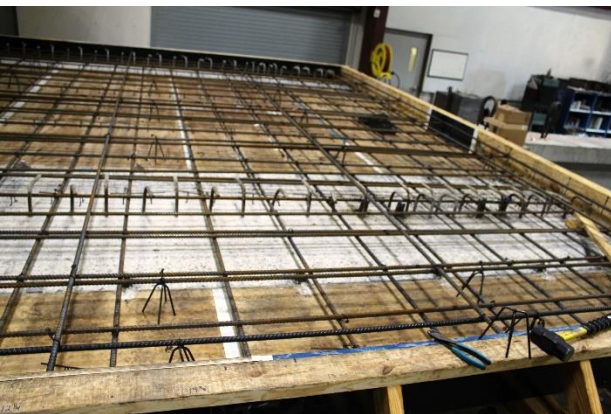
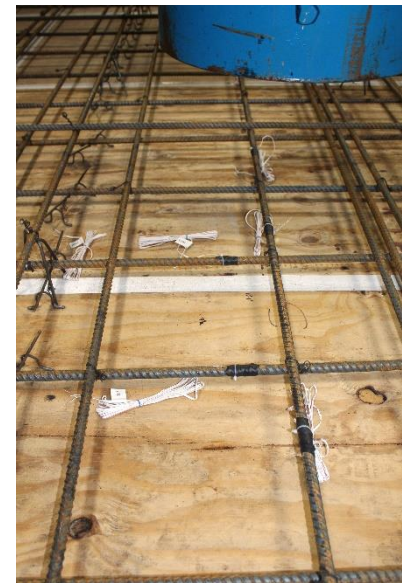
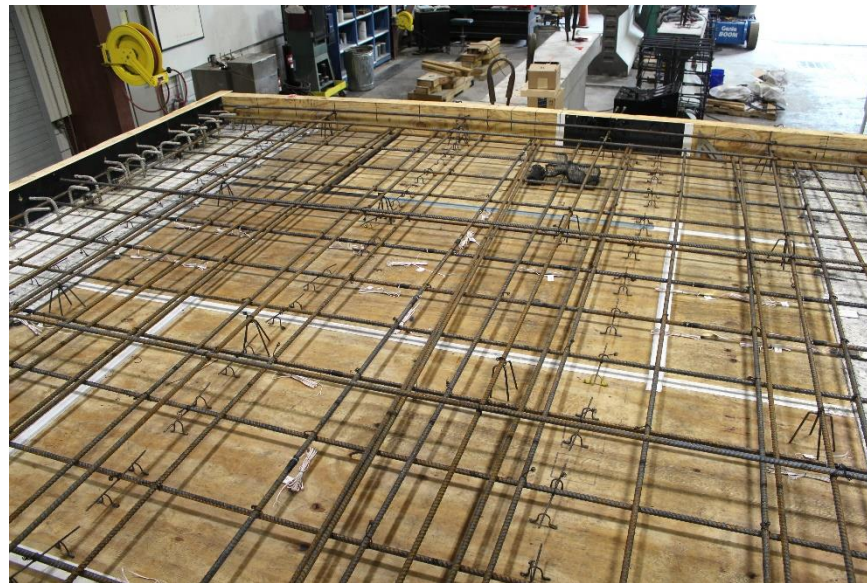














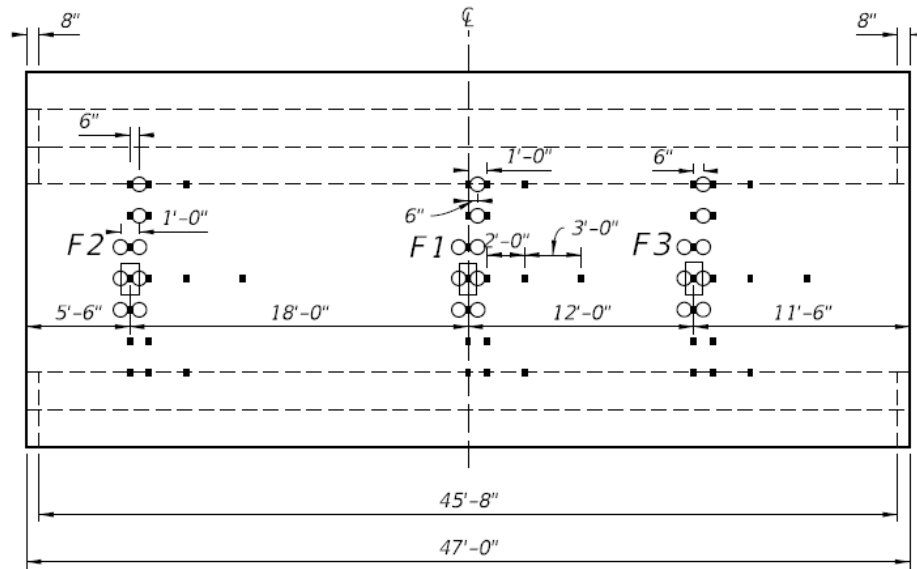




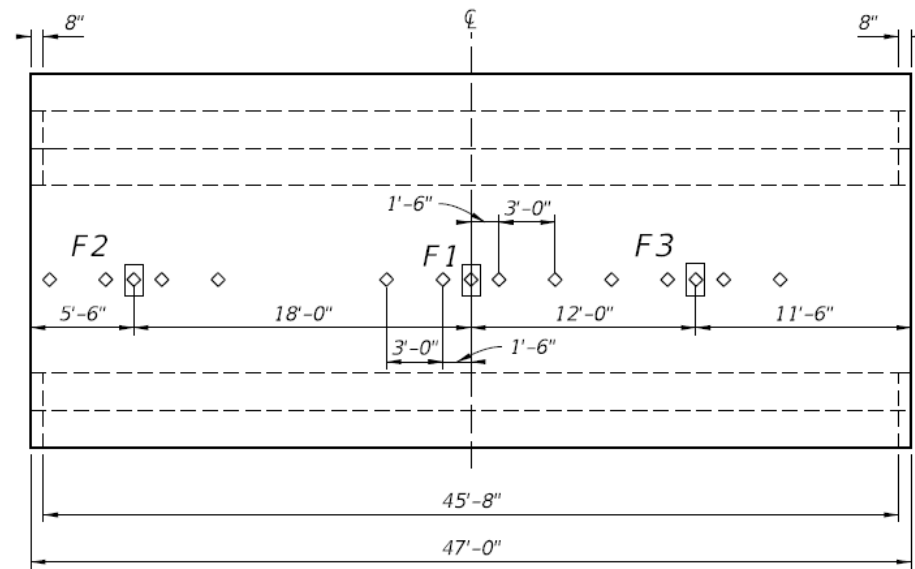




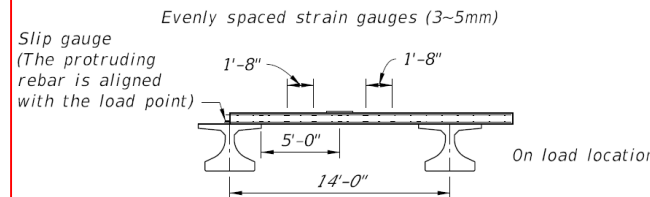
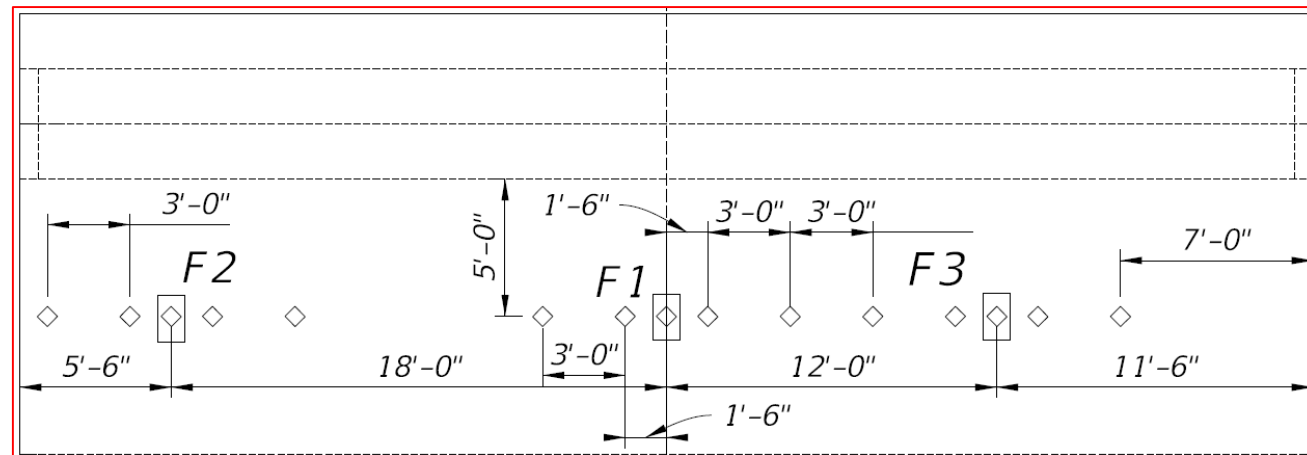
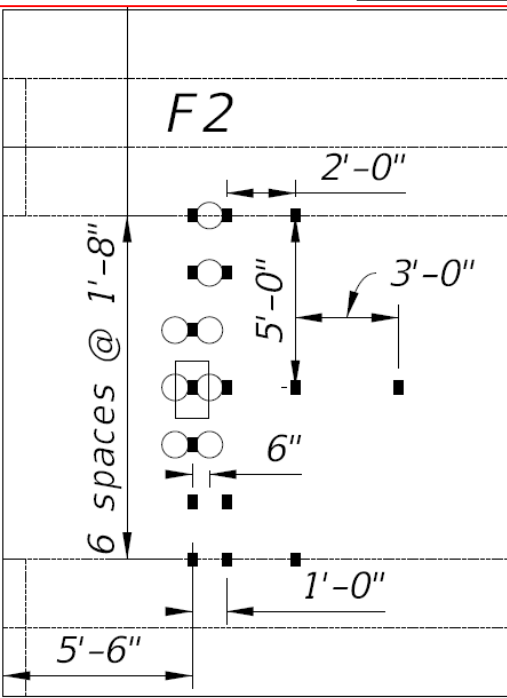
## TRANSVERSE REINFORCEMENT STRAIN GAUGES



## LONGITUDINAL REINFORCEMENT STRAIN GAUGES



### Failure Load Cases



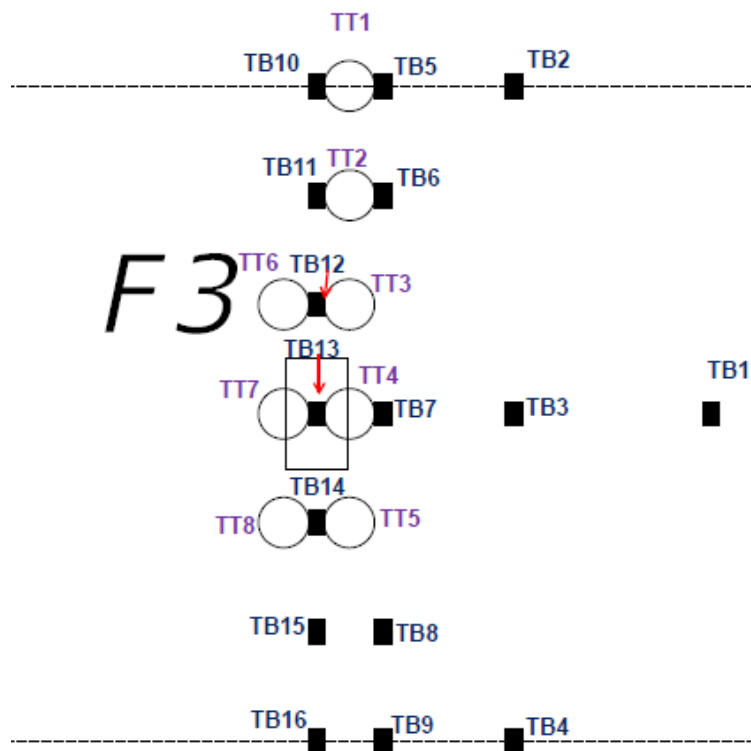
- Top steel reinforcement strain gauge (Transverse)
- Bottom steel reinforcement strain gauge (Transverse)
- ◇ Bottom steel (Longitudinal)
- Load location

Strand slip gauges & Crack gauges & LVDTs, SGs,

transverse → TT1  
 top bar

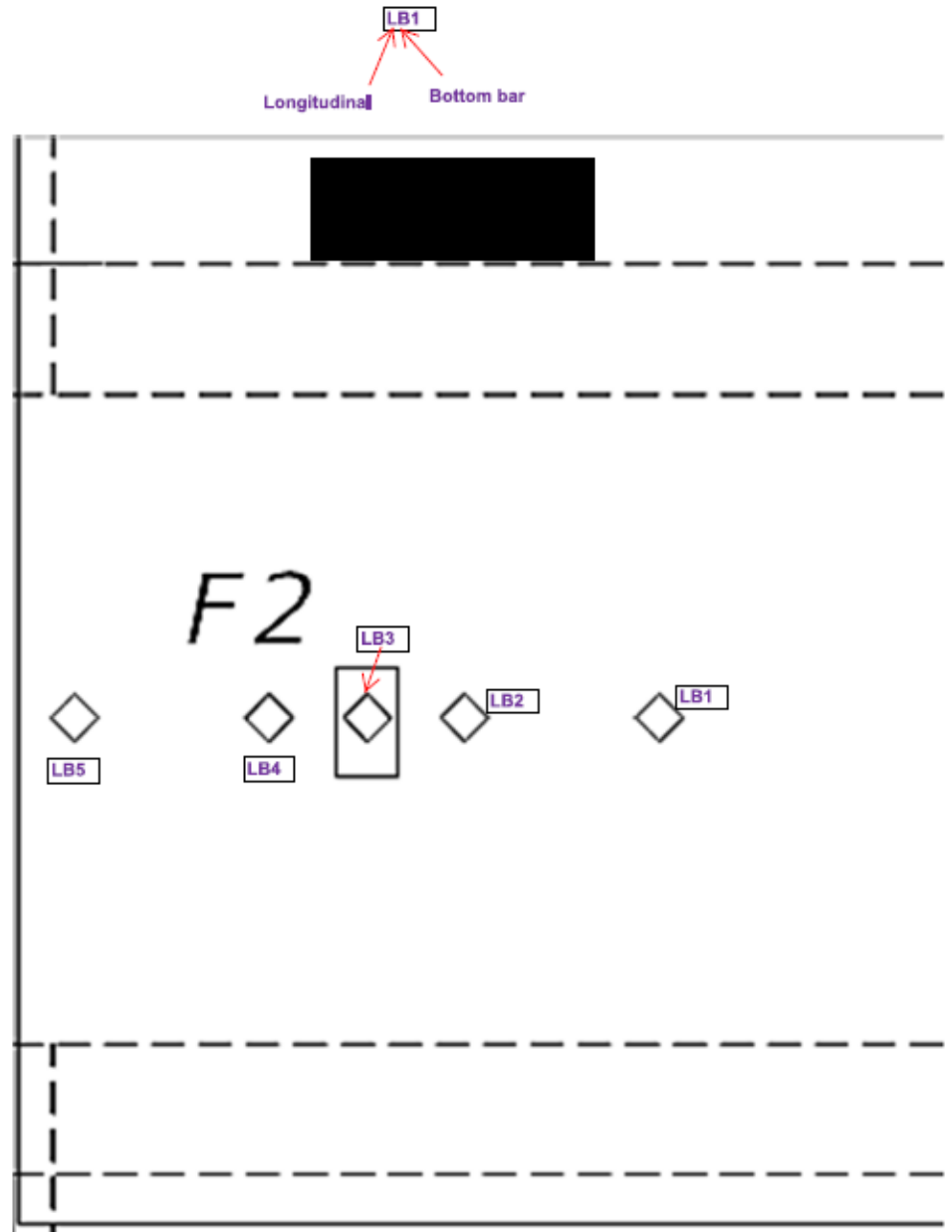
transverse → TR1  
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F3



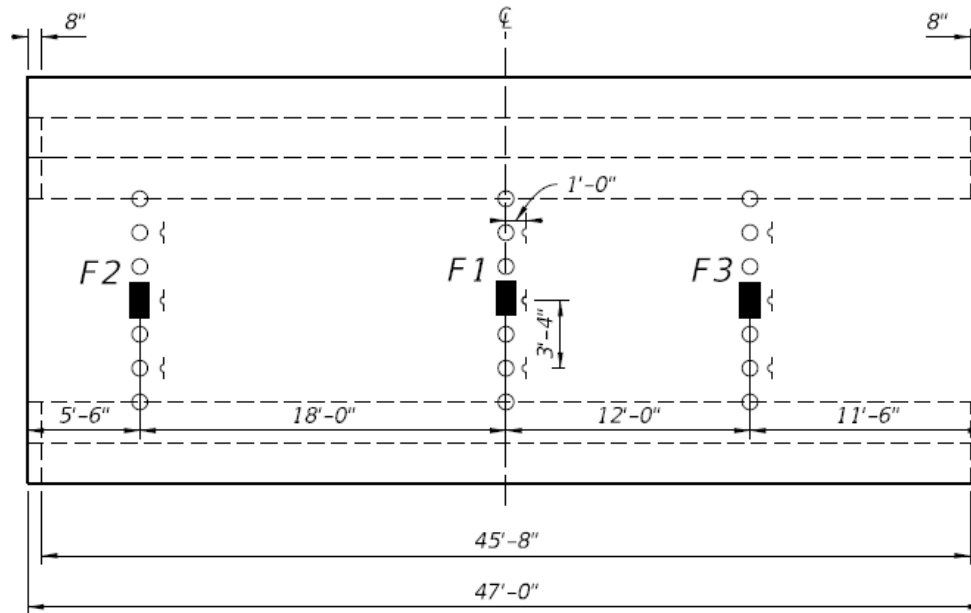
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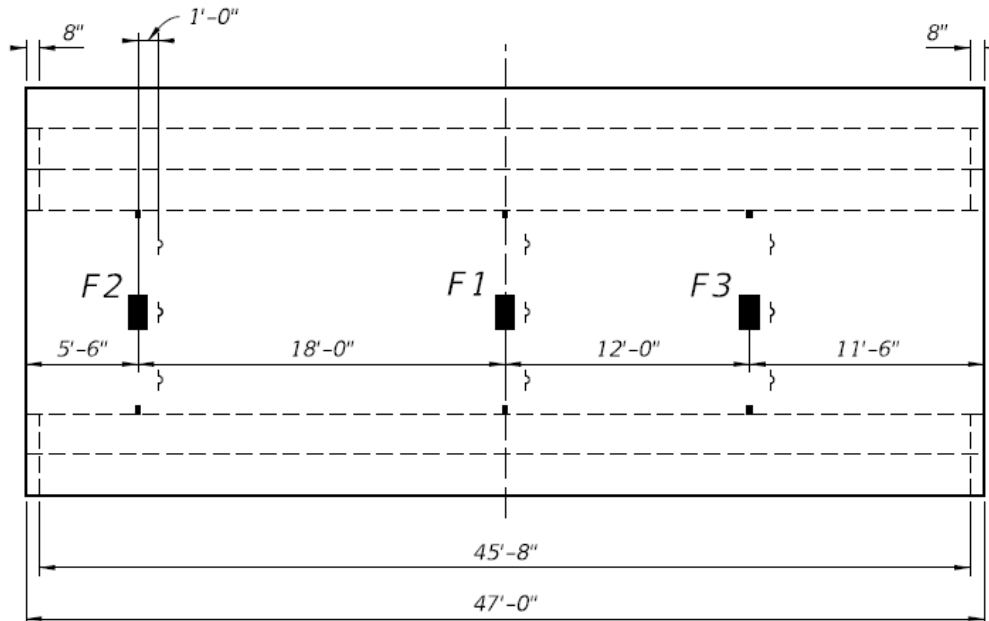


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## Top concrete slab strain gages & crack gages



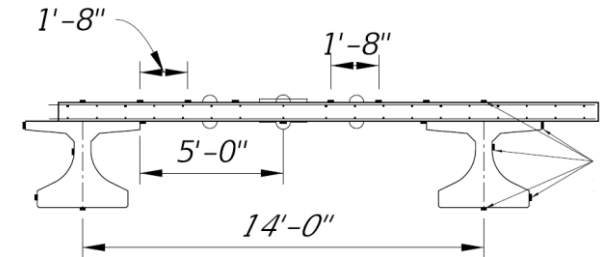
## Bottom concrete slab strain & crack gauges



## Concrete top slab strain gauges & crack gauges

- Top slab strain gauge (Transverse) (Foil) (60 mm)
- } Full bridge crack strain gauge (Transverse) (200 mm)

6 Strain gauges (foil) on top of slab per loading location ~ 18 total for slab  
3 full bridge crack strain gauges on top of slab per loading location



\*Install 4 strain gauges per beam on one side as shown and an extra foil strain gauge on top of the deck, above the centerline of the beam at midspan and near supports.

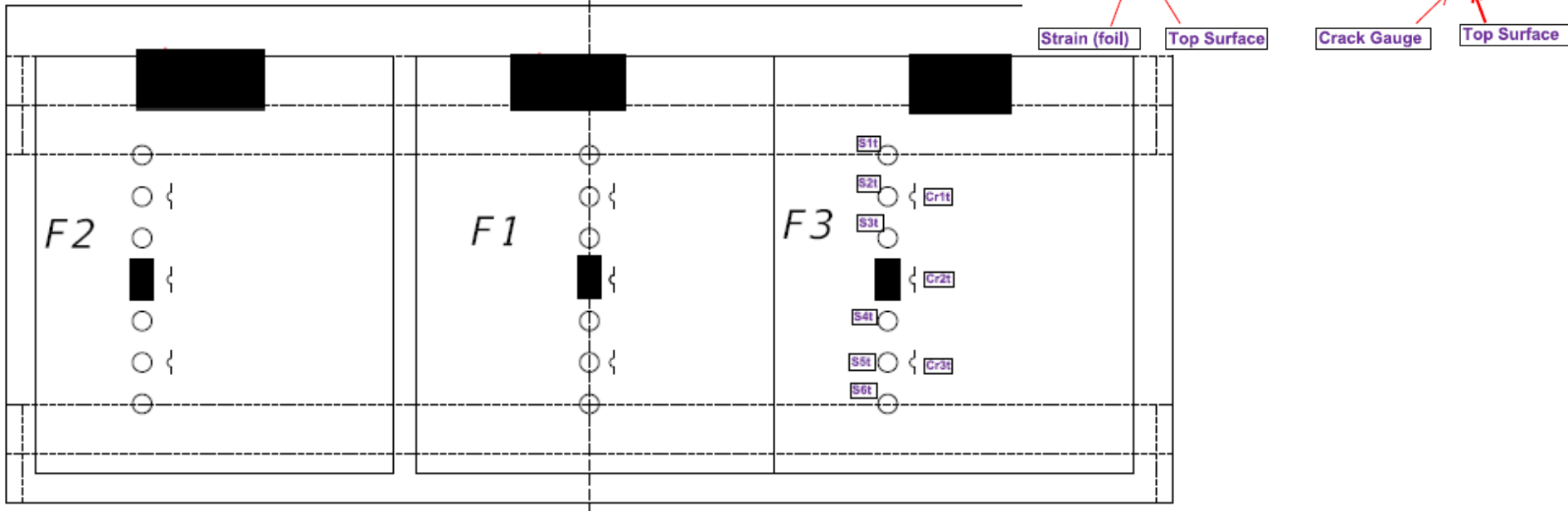
## Concrete bottom slab strain gauges & crack gauges

- Bottom slab strain gauge (Transverse) (Foil) (60 mm)
- } Full bridge crack strain gauge (Transverse) (200 mm)

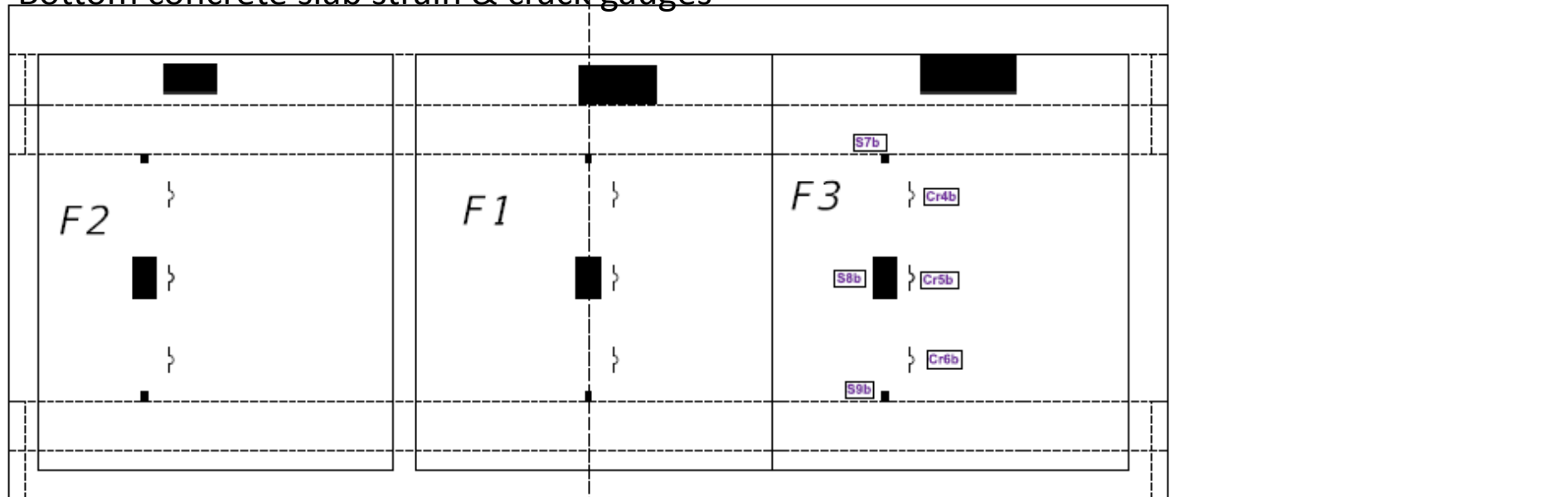
} 3 full bridge crack strain gauges on bottom of slab per loading location

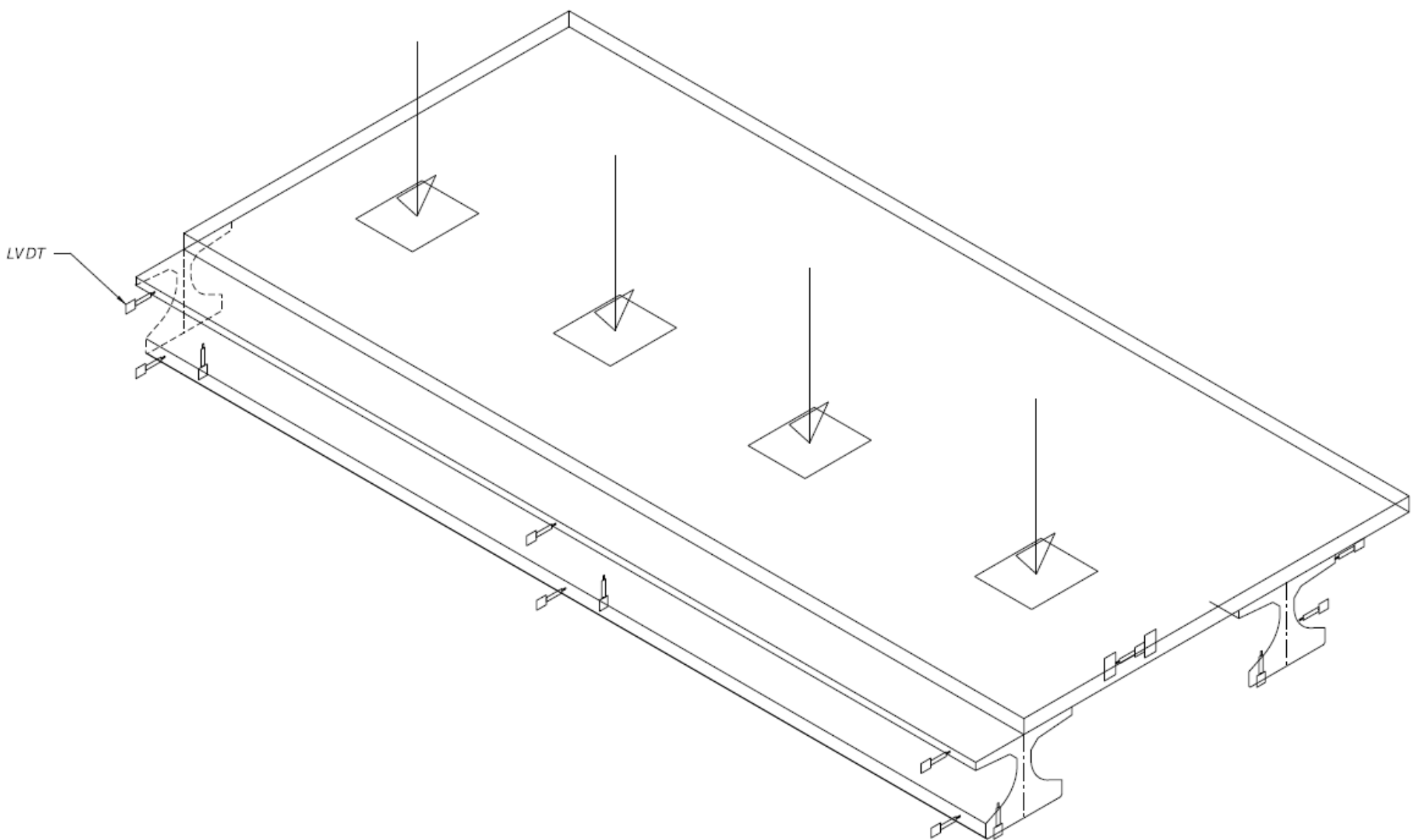
■ 3 Bottom slab strain gauges on bottom of slab per loading location

## Top concrete slab strain & crack gauges

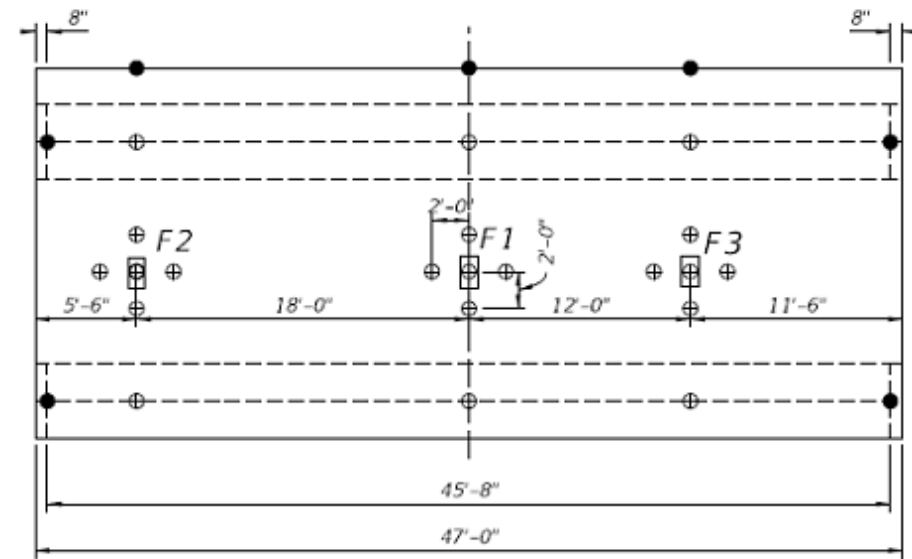


## Bottom concrete slab strain & crack gauges





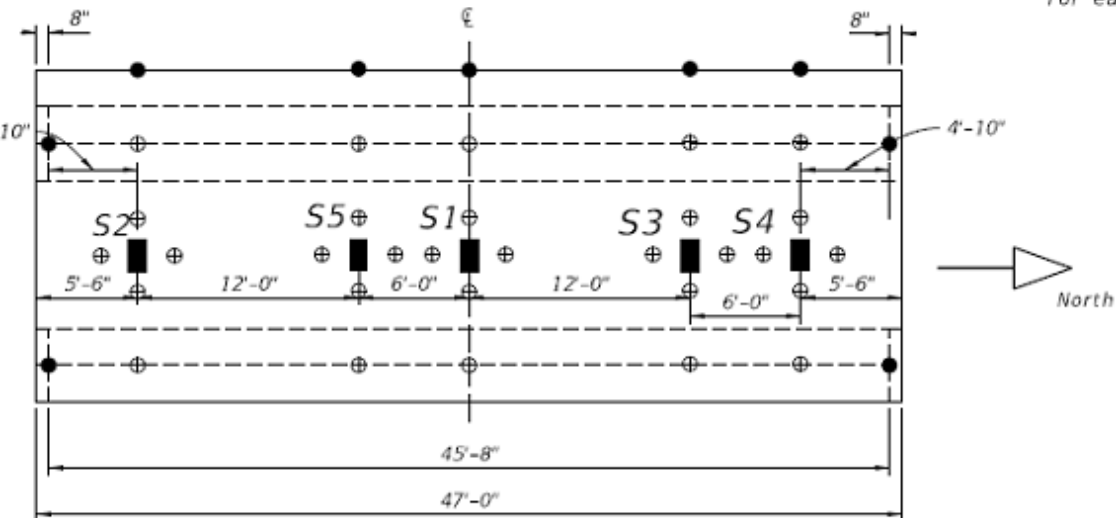
## Vertical Deflection Gauges



## Failure Load Cases

- 1 Vertical deflection gauge on top of slab per load location
- ⊕ 7 Vertical deflection gauge below slab or beam per load location
- 4 Vertical deflection gauge 's on top of slab that are above the supports stay throughout testing

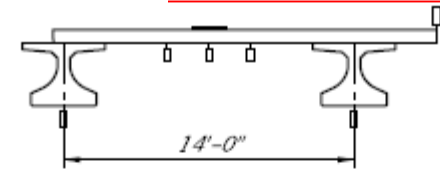
Therefore, 8 deflection gauge 's are movable, they can be moved to each test accordingly.



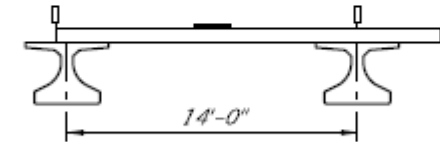
## Service Load Cases

## Vertical Deflection Gauges

- Vertical deflection gauge on top of slab
- ⊕ Vertical deflection gauge below slab or beam



(On failure load locations)  
Showing vertical deflection gauge 's only

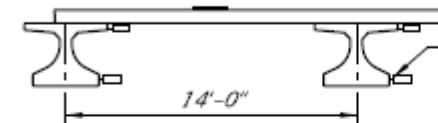


(On supports section)  
Showing vertical deflection gauge 's only

## Elevation view (vertical deflection gauges only)

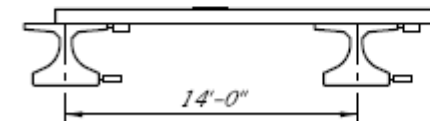
## Horizontal Deflection Gauges

- 4 Horizontal deflection gauge 's total per load location. They can be moved for each test



Placed at the center of the vertical edges

(On failure load locations)  
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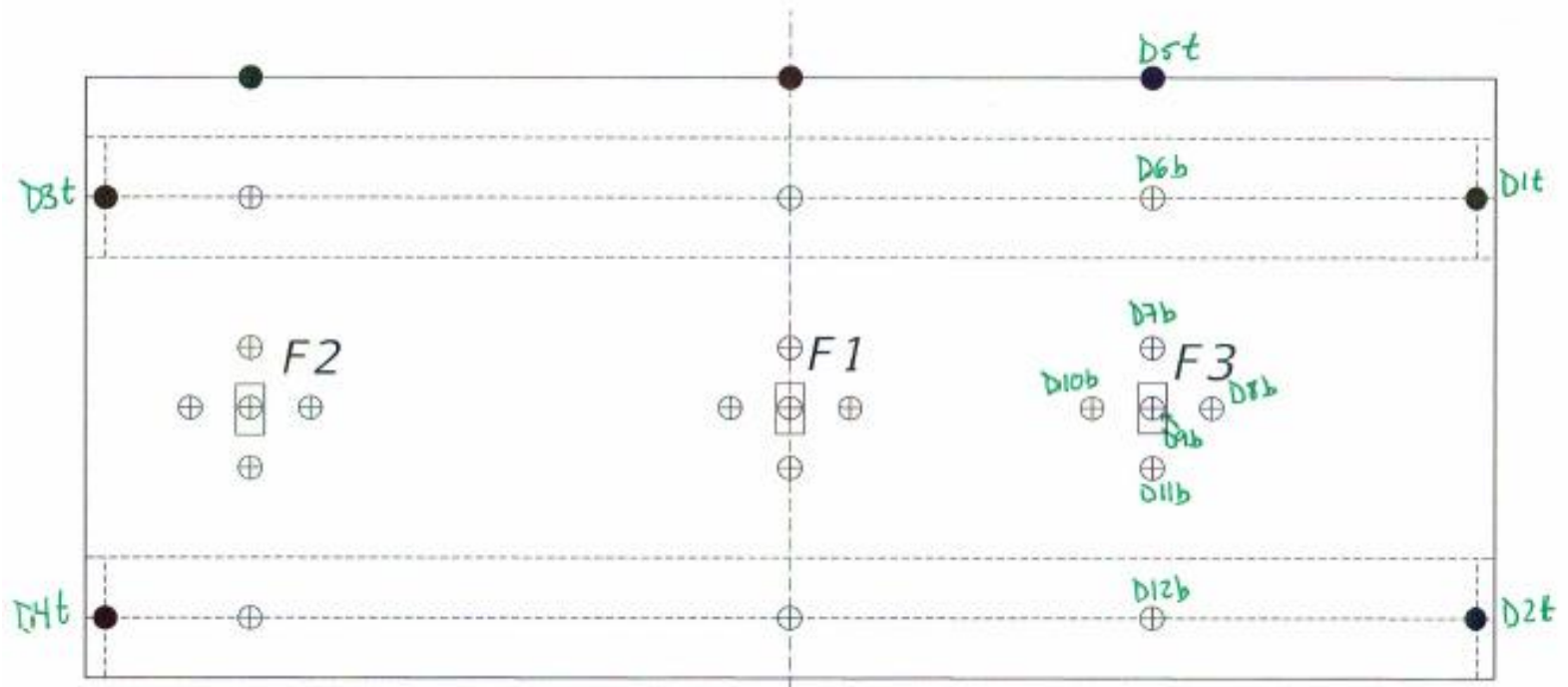
(On support locations)  
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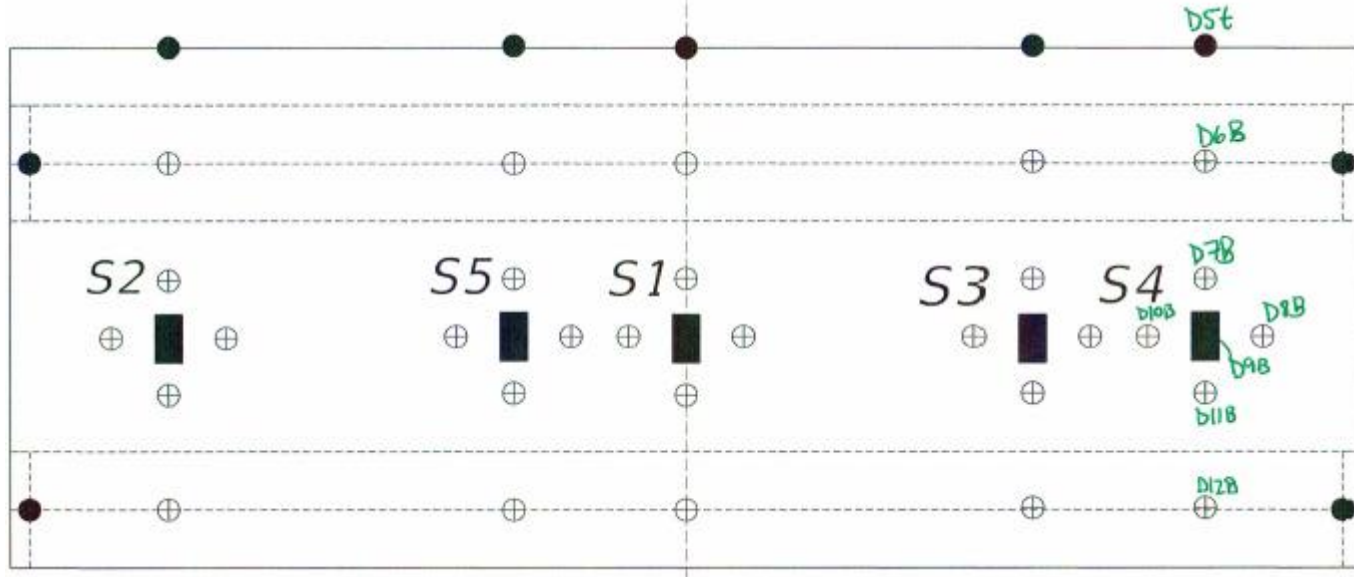


# VERTICAL DEFLECTION GAUGES

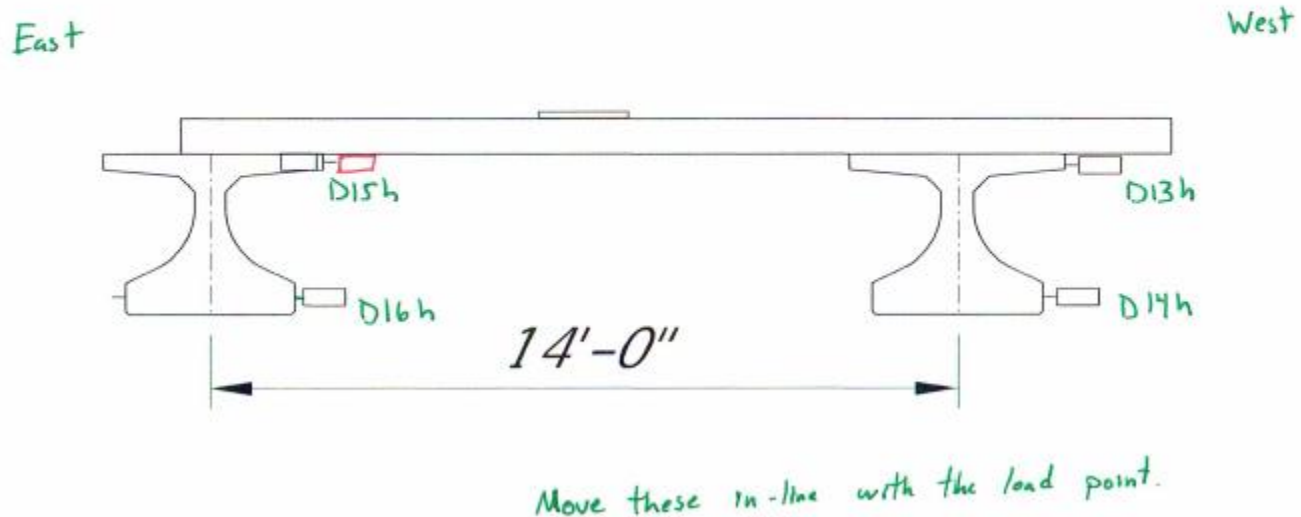
$D1t$   
↑  
Top of deck/slab

$D6b$   
↑  
Bottom of deck/slab





# Horizontal Deflection Gauges



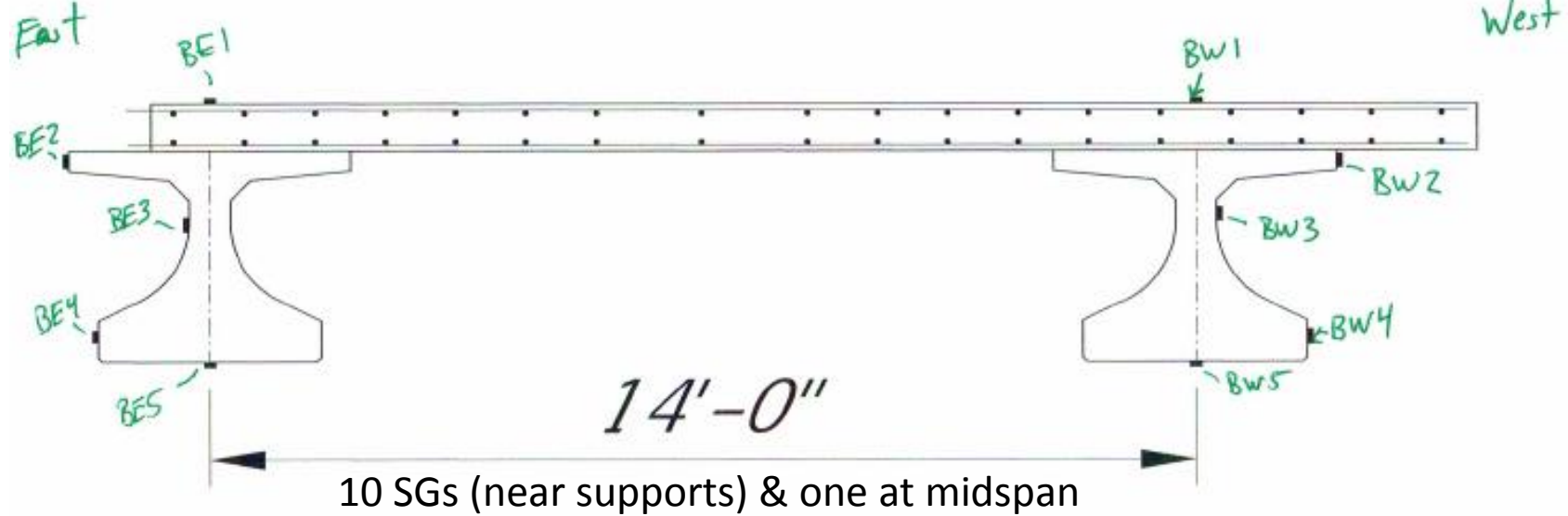
**The support LVDTs stay in their original locations, the transverse (horizontal) and vertical gauges at the loading location should move to coincide with the loading location.**

*Move both vertical and horizontal deflection gauges (transverse to load) for each service load and failure load testing locations.*

*Deflection gauges at the supports remain in place throughout testing*

*The testing will start with service loads starting from S1 to S2 to S3 to S4 to S5. (Move deflection gauge for each test)*

*Then, failure load cases for F1 to F2 to F3 in that order.*



Proposed Strain Rosette on the web of the beam on each side of the beam to monitor shear strain (R1L, R1V & R1\_45).

Challenge: the FIB 36s don't really have much of a flat web to easily put these gauges.



### Precautions for Concrete Pour:

Continuous Structure Deck Slab Placements Deck slabs on continuous structures are subject to transverse cracking during construction. The cracking can be found in negative moment areas where the concrete has already set and the placement has continued into positive moment areas.

The cracking is caused by additional deflection of the beams when the concrete in the remaining positive moment area is placed. The frequency of the cracking can be reduced if proper construction methods are used and strict control over the timing and sequencing of the deck placement operation is exercised.

#### Avoid Deflection cracks by:

- Reducing the duration of placement (Avoid Slow Rate of Placement)
- Increasing the time to initial set of the concrete (use retarding admixture to assure that initial set will not occur prior to completion of the placement)



Questions?

